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Captain Rockey Adams, Berrien County emergency managment coordinator, talks about the function of the county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Friday.

Heartbeat of an emergency

Inside Berrien County's Emergency Operations Center

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Berrien County has remained in a good position during the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks in part to its Emergency Operations Center.

Located in Benton Township, the EOC has served as the home base for local disaster response since 2006. It's gradually been updated over the years to support a collaboration among different departments that keep the county running in the midst of a crisis.

Rockey Adams, emergency management coordinator for Berrien County, said the center has proven very valuable in keeping the public safe and up to date on the fight against the coronavirus.

"The center is just a place where we can force people to work together as a team who don't do it normally on a day-to-day basis," Adams said. "It's probably less about the room and more about the people in it."

The room itself is key as there are six long tables – each with several monitors on the table – and an array of televisions on the walls that are constantly projecting updated information from around the county.

The tables are divided by certain departments, with the table closest to the front door designated for the communications end of the operation.

An executive group that includes the public information officer and their team, the county executive from the board of commissioners and the sheriff operates as the chief of staff at another table.

The center also hosts a utility company, which sends a liaison to answer questions. The public works and engineering departments maintain contact with power providers and water operators. Human services has its own table for the health department and the hospital system.

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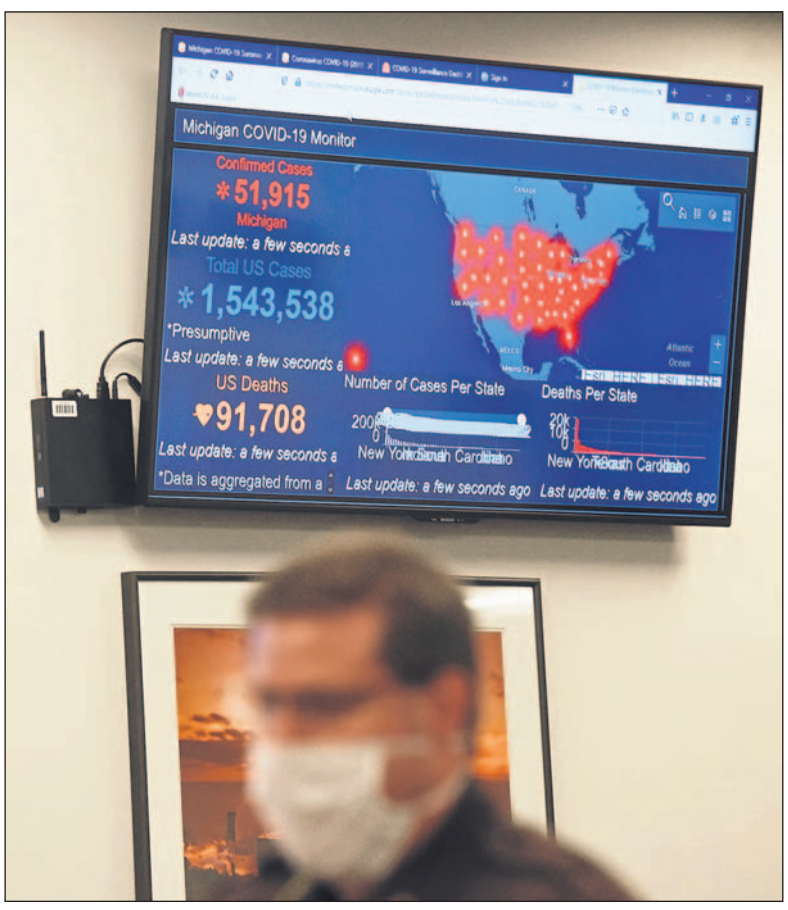

Monitors provide updated information, including the number of COVID-19 cases in Michigan and the United States, at the Berrien County's Emergency Operations Center.

Virus case increase doesn't give whole picture

Percentage of tests coming back positive is declining

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Watching the COVID-19 case count go up each day doesn't give the full picture of what's happening in Berrien County, health officials said Friday.

Nicki Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), said during the department's weekly news conference that they've been keeping an eye on the data closely because everyone is thinking about opening the state back up.

"What we've been watching for are trends in the number of confirmed cases, the percentage of our tests that positive, and what's going on with deaths and hospital admissions," she said.

While confirmed cases, deaths and hospital admissions have all increased recently, the percentage of tests coming back positive has decreased significantly in the last 11-12 days, according to Britten.

"That's good news and an important number to watch, because as our capacity to detect COVID goes up, we want to see the percent of cases go down," she said.

Britten said the number of confirmed cases is growing, and will keep growing over the next several weeks, because of more testing being done.

"We know if we test a few hundred people in a day, we're likely to find some asymptomatic carriers," she said.

Britten said a contributing factor, and an important part of the data, is the increase of cases, deaths and hospitalizations from transmission happening in the county's long-term care facilities, like nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

"This is a really tragic thing when it gets into these facilities. It can be really challenging," she said. "When you have people who are very vulnerable to serious illness, and even death from a COVID infection, living in close quarters, it's easier for transmission to occur and to have some pretty devastating results."

The state's long-term care facility data is being updated, but as of Tuesday, there were 122 cases in four different facilities in Berrien County.

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Holiday hours

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the call center at The Herald-Palladium will not be open Monday. Readers and advertisers may reach the call center on Tuesday during its normal hours.

Berrien County officials not worried about I&M dams

SJ River dams are not like the one that failed near Midland

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

The dams operated by Indiana Michigan Power in Southwest Michigan don't pose the same danger of flooding, like what occurred in Midland this week, say Berrien County officials.

With the failure of a Midland-area dam that flooded parts of that region and forced thousands of residents to evacuate their homes, other dams throughout the state have been getting a second look.

However, the dams in Berrien Springs and Buchanan operate under different circumstances.

I&M owns and operates six hydroelectric dams along the St. Joseph River in Indiana and Michigan.

They are stationed in Berrien Springs, Buchanan, Constantine, Mottville, Elkhart, Ind., and the Twin Branch Substation in Mishawaka, Ind.

The Berrien Springs dam, built in 1908, is the oldest in Berrien County and one of the oldest in the state. According to Herald-Palladium archives, the Berrien Springs dam contributed to the industrialization of southern Berrien County.

Rockey Adams, emergency management coordinator for Berrien County, said I&M's dams don't actually fall under the federal dam program.

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The Berrien Springs dam is shown on Thursday. Built in 1908, it is one of the oldest dams in the state. However, county officials say the structure is routinely inspected and maintained and is in good working order.

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"But they still follow all the regulations," Adams said.

I&M officials said all six hydroelectric dams are working as intended and are not designed as storage – or flood-control – facilities.

All six are operated as "run-of-river," meaning all water goes through the generation equipment and then flows down the river.

"I&M ensures our facilities are operated and maintained through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requirements and the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy," I&M spokesperson Schnee Garrett said in an email.

As part of these requirements, Garrett said workers perform several tasks for all I&M-owned hydroelectric facilities, which includes 24-7 monitoring of all generating stations.

Garrett said daily, weekly, monthly and annual inspections are conducted by staff, engineers and independent consultants.

The company also enforces an annual facility safety training for staff and operations.

I&M undergoes a lot of work maintaining its dams, and all the utility company's plans are housed at Berrien County's Emergency Operations Center in Benton Township.

"If there was a dam failure, their representative would come down here and we would work through those challenges," Adams said. "But they're in really good condition. We're very lucky to have a reputable and professional company that is managing those dams."

Adams said county officials meet with I&M twice a year and go through their plans and undergo exercises.

"A lot of people don't understand how those particular dams (in Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana) work. They're not holding back the river, the river runs around it."

ROCKEY ADAMS
Emergency management coordinator for Berrien County

Garrett said I&M often collaborates with other hydroelectric facilities and the FERC Division of Dam Safety and Inspections.

Combined, I&M's six dams generate more than 22 megawatts of electricity – enough to power 15,000 homes a year.

Adams said the six dams are different from the one that ruptured in Midland earlier this week, mainly because of how they were constructed and are now operated.

"The one in Midland was pretty much made with dirt and held back big bodies of water," Adams said. "A lot of people don't understand how those particular dams (in Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana) work. They're not holding back the river, the river runs around it."

In 2018, when a portion of the county flooded along the St. Joseph River, Adams said a lot of people were mistaken that I&M was responsible.

"Whatever water comes up to the dams, goes to the other side no matter what level the gates are at," he said. "There was a lot of excess rain and snow that melted in a short period of time. They (I&M) took a lot of criticism that wasn't deserved."

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
JD-JS-3D-6D-2S
Midday Daily 3
7-3-6
Midday Daily 4
1-6-4-9
Daily 3
7-0-7
Daily 4
3-8-1-6
Fantasy 5
10-23-33-34-35
Keno
03-06-09-15-17-24-25-28-30-37-39-48-49-53-54-55-60-62-65-66-72-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$298 million
Powerball jackpot
$104 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
17-23-27-30-41
Estimated jackpot
$516,000
Cash4Life
11-19-22-24-40, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
05-08-14-20-21-22-24-25-43-44-48-53-55-61-64-68-69-75-76-79, BE: 68
Daily Three-Midday
8-9-1, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
3-3-5, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
0-3-5-7, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
1-8-2-5, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
11-19-23-27-33-35-41-45-47-48-50-53-54-55-56-57-63-65-75-79, BE: 23

Illinois
Lotto
06-12-21-26-40-41, Extra Shot: 24
Estimated jackpot
$12.5 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
11-25-34-36-37
Estimated jackpot
$100,000
Pick Three-Midday
1-2-7, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
2-9-6, Fireball: 4
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5-6-8-6, Fireball: 4
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emergency, the hospital and health department have to be tied at the hip on what they're doing," Adams said.

The pandemic created challenges, as Adams said they prefer to operate with in-person collaboration when dealing with an emergency.

"It's been very beneficial to keeping everybody on track since you're not able to meet," Adams said. "Without this, you start to see a lot of overlap and duplication of services. We've seen some examples of that, but they were corrected pretty quickly."

Berrien County Undersheriff Chuck Heit, who also serves as the public information officer for the Emergency Operations Center, said the amount of preparation is something that can't be overlooked.

"Training pays off big when there's actually an emergency," Heit said. "One of the biggest advantages is we are required every year to be tested for both Palisades and D.C. Cook. This training has put our county in position for all hazardous scenarios."

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Boards provide the status of the county's two nuclear plants as well as the National Terrorism Advisory System at the EOC.

The EOC was established to provide a single point of contact, coordination and avenue to share information to all 39 municipalities and first responder and public safety agencies and volunteer organizations in Berrien County.

Not every county has a permanent location.

"We've seen that's been a challenge for other areas during an emergency, when you think of the first hour when it's all chaotic," Adams said. "To have to set up like that, you're already behind the eight ball."

The EOC was officially activated in mid-March in response to the coronavirus and the ensuing statewide shutdown.

Since then, there have been about three meetings each week as events continue to evolve, Adams said. When they're not activated, the EOC holds monthly meetings.

The last time it was fully activated was two years ago when the St. Joseph River overflowed its banks in some areas, after a heavy rainfall and simultaneous snow melt. It was also been used when tornados ripped through Niles three years ago.

"Even with that, we did use some of the remote tools," Adams said. "But there's nothing better than having people come in for a couple hours. ... We're doing it now, but it's taking a lot longer with video conferencing."

Adams said the EOC isn't activated for every emergency. It's designed as more of a backup to emergency responders who need additional coordination.

Heit said as the technology continues to change, so too will the EOC.

However, Adams said they have alternate plans in the event technology fails during a crisis.

"We have to have a plan if all that goes away," Adams said. "We even have maps up on the wall that you can draw on in case stuff does go down. We can go old school if we have to."

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Britten said the health department is continuing to work with these facilities, and the facilities are dealing with it appropriately, but as transmission is seen out in the community, it will still impact the congregant facilities like nursing homes, jails and homeless shelters.

"We haven't seen any clusters in our jails or homeless shelters, but there have been some deaths of nursing home residents and that is contributing significantly to the cases we're seeing, and the hospitalizations and deaths," she said.

Undersheriff Chuck Heit said during the news conference that the Michigan National Guard came to voluntarily test all the Berrien County jail inmates this week. He said while they tested most inmates this week, jail staff are still taking a symptomatic approach by testing anyone who is sick and isolating them.

Testing

Britten also reported during the news conference that there is now a fourth COVID-19 testing site open in Berrien County at the Rite Aid in Bridgman. To get tested there, visit www.riteaid.com.

To be tested by Spectrum Health Lakeland, call 833-559-0659; to be tested by InterCare, call 855-869-6900; and to be tested by Walmart, visit www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com.

Gatherings over holiday weekend

Heit and Britten took a moment during the news conference to talk about the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

Heit said he's received many questions about the county's parks, specifically.

"While it remains open, it won't be the Silver Beach people are used to," he said. "For one thing, with the water levels the way they are, there's just not as much beach as there was, so that's going to make social distancing harder."

Heit said a deputy will be stationed down there to monitor if things get too crowded.

"I know they're already looking at capacity of vehicles at 50 percent," he said.

In addition, the restrooms remain closed, as well as the playgrounds and volleyball courts. The food court will be open, but will be set up for social distancing.

Heit said while gatherings of up to 10 people are now legally allowed, social distancing is still the best defense against spreading COVID-19.

"And if you have several different gatherings of 10 people, that increases the risk of spreading the disease around to multiple groups of people," he said.

Britten said it's all about risk reduction, especially for people with underlying health conditions like hypertension and diabetes.

"No one can eliminate the risk, but you can limit your risk by making informed choices as to how you're going to move about in your life, especially as things reopen," she said.

Count update

Berrien County added another two COVID-19 deaths Friday, bringing the total to 42.

In addition, the county added seven new confirmed COVID-19 cases, plus five new recoveries.

With 571 cumulative cases, 368 recoveries and 42 deaths, that keeps the county at about 161 active cases, the same as Thursday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 21 patients as of Friday afternoon, a decrease in four patients from Thursday morning.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department released its weekly number of recovered COVID-19 patients Friday. There are now 24 people recovered in Cass County, a gain of just one from last week. Van Buren County now has 41 recovered, a gain of nine from last week.

Van Buren County is now at about 73 active cases, with 120 confirmed cases, six deaths and 41 recoveries.

Cass County has about 47 active cases, with 73 confirmed cases, two deaths and 24 recoveries.

Local COVID-19 numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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Parents strive to heal their youngest son's broken heart

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My son, a high school senior, was in a relationship with a young woman who broke up with him and began dating his best friend. He was heartbroken. She played him into being friends and tells him he's her best friend, but her actions prove otherwise.

His father and I comforted him as best we could, but he still has feelings for her. It was a tough breakup for him, and he says he can't understand why he feels this way for her. We as parents are having a hard time keeping our opinions to ourselves. We are not happy with him still being around her and try to discourage it as much as possible.

We all attend the same church, from which I've offered to remove myself, but my son says no. We limit the time he gets to be around her, but she has begun flaunting other dates in front of him, which is making it hard for us to be cordial toward her.

How can I help my boy heal his heart and move on? He's my youngest, the last one ready to venture out to college, and I want him to have a fresh start for the new journey. – Heavy-Hearted Mom

DEAR MOM: Some lessons in life people must learn for themselves, and this is one of them. As much as you wish to help your son heal his heart, he's going to have to arrive at the realization that there's more pain than pleasure associated with the girl who rejected him. That is when he will move on, not before.

College will provide him an opportunity to meet new people and cultivate new interests. Being in a new environment will also help. In the meantime, be patient, refrain from saying anything nasty (as tempting as it might be) about his former girlfriend and keep your son as busy as you can.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to the same woman for 34 years. We have raised two great kids. The problem is, my wife does not show, respond to or initiate any affection or intimacy. I understand she has been through menopause, but is this the new normal? For me it is a lonely, cold existence. Most nights she won't even share the same bed with me. She also does not respond well to talking about things. Must I live the rest of my life this way? – Roommate In Virginia

DEAR ROOMMATE: Your problem is less about the lack of affection and intimacy in your marriage and far more about the lack of communication your wife allows you to have with her. If a problem can't be discussed, there is no way to arrive at a solution or a compromise.

If you haven't told her how lonely and isolated you feel, start there. What's happening is not fair to you. This is something that should be discussed with her doctor because there may be a medical solution if sex is painful for her.

However, if it is more complicated than that, recognize that you need more help than I can give you in a letter or a newspaper column, and ask your doctor or insurance company to refer you to a licensed marriage and family therapist for the answers you are seeking. If your wife refuses to go with you, go without her.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: It is time for the breaking of the Ramadan fast. Happy Eid al-Fitr, everyone. – Abby

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Best friend's husband cheated on a 'sugar daddy' website

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My best friend recently learned her husband was unfaithful to her. Apparently, he used a website specifically designed for "sugar daddy"-type arrangements to find his cheating partners. He got caught, and then months later got caught again.

I am trying to help my friend navigate her feelings about all this. She loves her husband – or, at least, she loves the man she thought he was – and wants to find a way to stay married and move on from this. But, naturally, she's not sure she can ever trust him again or that he will ever change.

I keep going back to the fact that he actively sought out infidelity by going on the sugar-daddy website. To me, that is worse than, say, having an affair with someone you work with and developed feelings for. Do you have any insight on this? – Best Friend

BEST FRIEND: People stop doing bad things only when they want to stop doing bad things.

They don't stop just because they happen to get caught at the bad things and now face losing things they care about as a consequence. That works only if fear of the consequences pushes them to the point of not wanting the bad thing anymore.

So, unless the husband is taking unequivocal and drastic steps to change himself – including separation, because he clearly doesn't belong in a marriage in his current condition, and counseling – there is no reason for your friend to believe he will stop cheating.

Except the biggest reason of all, that she just wants to believe it because she's not ready to face the alternative.

If for some reason she'd rather stay in the marriage knowing he cheats – people do make their deals – then that's her prerogative. But I think a friend who is looking out for her will say to her, clearly, once, that her biggest risk now isn't that he'll cheat again, but that she will lie to herself about who he is and what is possible in a marriage to him.

Wishful thinking is the monster under the bed.

DEAR CAROLYN: As a single guy, having friends with families is pretty tough. Last year, I did an open-mic event and invited my friend and his wife. I gave them at least three months' notice and free tickets. A week prior I texted him as a reminder and he came back with, "Oh – we have a graduation party."

Seriously? I was super pissed, and he gave me the usual sellout answer, "Well, we have kids," and I haven't heard from him since.

I was treated as if I'm in the wrong and I don't think I am. – Single Guy

SINGLE GUY: You're not. I'm sorry.

And "Well, we have kids" is not an answer. The possible reasonable explanations are: "We screwed up – how can we make this right?"; or, "(Bad thing) happened or else we'd be there" – like, someone got sick, the sitter quit, the furnace quit. That's really it. Having children doesn't give you license to be inconsiderate.

Any friends with a lot of other commitments – not just parents – can be tough to pin down, but manners still apply.

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CROSSWORD

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8 What X marks
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13 Having the means
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15 Pen point
16 Albright or Montez
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4 Like some arches
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21 MPG monitor
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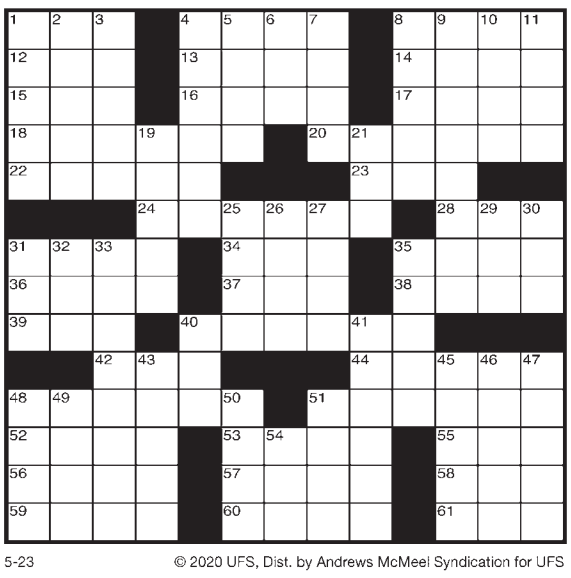

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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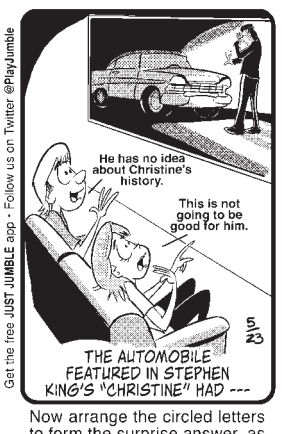
He has no idea about Christine's history.
This is not going to be good for him.
THE AUTOMOBILE FEATURED IN STEPHEN KING'S "CHRISTINE" HAD ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHAWL PROVE KNOTTY BEATEN
Answer: The audition was for the lead role, and there were plenty of actors there to — TAKE PART

KAKURO

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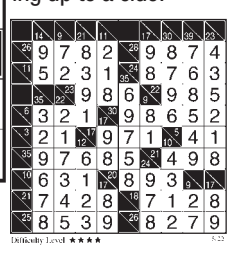
Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/23

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

There are times (the Senior Life Master explained to his Saturday morning class) when you have a crucial guess to make in a suit. Perhaps you are faced with a two-way finesse. It is best to delay the decision for as long as possible. Find out as much as you can about the other suits before committing yourself in the critical suit. This deal is a relatively simple example of the genre.

The SLM put the North-South cards on the board, paused for a minute or so, then continued:

South's bidding was aggressive. Opposite a single raise, he was thin for his jump to game. But the vulnerable game bonus is a powerful lure. Also, the opponents' silence suggested favorable suit breaks.

West led the spade ace, East signaling with the queen to show the queen-jack. West continued with two more rounds of the suit.

South ruffed, drew trumps and paused to assess the prospects. Clearly, he had to find the diamond queen to make his game. But who held the key queen? Not having the powers of Mr. P. Hal Sims, an expert in the early days of contract bridge who reputedly never misguessed a two-way finesse, South led the club king.

When West won with the ace, the final piece of the jigsaw had fallen into place. West had shown up with 11 points: the spade ace-king and the club ace. How could he have the diamond queen as well, when he couldn't open the bidding?

South won the club return in the dummy, cashed the diamond ace, finessed in diamonds through East and claimed his contract.

North 05-23-20
♠ 8 7 3
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ A 9 8
♣ J 7 6

West
♠ A K 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ A 9 3

East
♠ Q J 10 9 5
♥ 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 8 5 4 2

South
♠ 6 4
♥ A Q J 10 9
♦ K J 10
♣ K Q 10

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Conservative nationalists' missed opportunity

Jonah Goldberg

Future historians of the American right are going to have a devil of a time figuring out what the hell happened as the second decade of the 21st century came to a close. But every day I become more convinced about at least one of their conclusions: The nationalists blew it.

Now, for those who don't enjoy the nuances of conservative taxonomy, I should explain that I am using "nationalist" broadly, to include various camps on the right that think the U.S. has been too globalist and too reverential of the free market at the expense of social cohesion and a patriotic sense of national unity.

Nationalists are a diverse group, containing serious scholars like Notre Dame's Patrick Deneen and Harvard Law School's Adrian Vermeule. This group also includes sharp, ambitious politicians like Sens. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., and Marco Rubio, R-Fla., insightful writers like New York Post op-ed editor Sohrab Ahmari, and the familiar retinue of MAGAnauts, America Firsters, rabble-rousers, Trump boosters and populist opportunists.

They don't all agree with each other, and they don't all go by the "nationalist" moniker. But as a general proposition, I think most start from faulty premises about the nature of nationalism or the benefits of President Donald Trump's embrace of it. I am proudly a pre-Trump conservative who thinks both Trump and the nationalist cause are not what conservatism needed.

Regardless, what unites them all is the notion that the Trump presidency and its emphasis on "America First" brought a long overdue correction to our politics. Nationalism, they argue, is an essential part of a healthy society, because it offers a unifying ethos – a sense of collective identity and social solidarity.

They often go in different directions from that starting point. Some favor building walls, both literal and figurative, around America so we can keep away both foreign wares and foreign workers. Others are eager to find a rationale for a hawkish anti-China agenda. Some simply spout a lot of slogans to provide a semblance of an ideologically coherent argument behind Trump's erratic and glandular governing style.

The coronavirus was a gift delivered to all of them, but they refused to sign for it. And while the China hawks have certainly (and to some extent, rightly) benefited, the larger movement missed its shot.

World War II – a touchstone for all notions of American greatness – was the last time the whole country mobilized for a common cause. Since then, wars have been fought, and felt, by an ever-shrinking fraction of the country. All the other unifying moments – the Cuban missile crisis, the moon landing, etc. – have been experienced by most Americans at a distance, usually on a TV screen.

Whether or not it would have been the right policy, the pandemic could have been the perfect crisis mechanism for implementing a WWII-style, top-down nationalist agenda for the common good. But Trump, who claims "total authority" to do whatever he thinks is necessary to fight the pandemic, opted to embrace federalism and the free market rather than asking us to pull together as a country united in a cause.

A virus that threatens every American, but the old and vulnerable especially, should have been a boon to pro-life Catholic nationalists who champion the seamless garment of life, extol the virtues of respecting our elders and yearn for a right-wing New Deal. Mobilizing to their defense, even at a deep cost to the free market they deride, should have been an easy call. Instead, they've opted to take their lead from Trump and turn face masks into a culture war symbol, denouncing mask-wearing as "cowardly" obeisance to tyranny.

During both world wars, every American institution and citizen was politically and, to a great extent, legally dragooned into the war effort. These "we're all in it together" mobilizations permanently expanded the federal government and the nationalization of our politics. Since then, nationalist appeals to the whole country have been subordinated to partisan politics and the culture war. Calls for national unity from one party are seen as an attempted power grab by the other, and often for good reason.

But pandemics, like wars, offer an opportunity for such calls to work, precisely because they are perceived as necessary. If Trump were the nationalist many of his supporters think he is – or, frankly, the dictator his foes take him for – this would have been the nationalists' moment. Trump refused to seize it because he needs domestic enemies to galvanize his base and rationalize his re-election. And for many of the nationalists, it seems his needs are more important than the country's.

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LETTERS

Trump doesn't deserve Michiganders' votes

Editor,

On the morning of May 20, Donald Trump sent a destructive and reckless tweet regarding Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's move to mail absentee ballot applications to all registered Michiganders. The president falsely claimed that absentee ballots were sent to every Michigander and decried the move as illegal and "without authorization." He then stated, "I will ask to hold up funding to Michigan if they want to go down this Voter Fraud path!"

But Michigan voters authorized this move in 2018, voting 2-to-1 in favor of a ballot initiative approving no-reason absentee voting. Michiganders have always determined how our elections are conducted; thus, the president's word is irrelevant. And with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, who realistically believes mail-in voting is a problem? There is no evidence that voter fraud occurs at higher rates with mail-in voting, and many states – both Republican and Democrat-led – instituted mail-in voting in the past without hiccups.

Trump's brazen statements are further indication of his misunderstanding and disregard toward the state of Michigan. He threatens to withhold federal funding – a decidedly illegal act – to Michigan despite being ravaged by COVID-19, and now by the horrific flooding occurring around Midland. He attacks Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for taking live-saving action. He offers no condolences for Michiganders who grieve over lost loved ones from COVID-19, nor does he offer assistance to those stricken by record flooding. The president consistently demands that the nation blindly support him if they even wish to receive support. This is not right. This is a direct attack on American democracy.

It has become increasingly apparent that the president's main concern is winning reelection. He doesn't care about Michigan and Michiganders; he only wants our votes. His actions are damning, overwhelming reason to cast a vote against him come November.

Carter Welch
Stevensville

Hasty versus smart economy opening

Editor,

In his haste to open up the economy, the president seems to have forgotten the criteria for safe opening he originally issued as guidance to the states. Without any standards for safety, this puts the onus on the enterprise owner to make such decisions.

Being retired, I do not need to deal with workplace issues, but I do have criteria for businesses I must visit (grocers, hardware stores, restaurants, etc.) in normal daily activities. My primary focus is making sure employees of these establishments and other patrons I encounter while there are minimizing my risk of infection. That means proper social distancing and everyone wearing masks. I also would appreciate a posted policy on how owners are monitoring their employees for infection. Businesses failing to meet my requirements don't get my business now nor will they in the future, period!

A prime example of one I would not visit is the Wisconsin bar/restaurant that was celebrating their opening on May 14. In case you missed it, no one in the video, patron or bartender, wore a mask, and the six-foot standard for distancing was not being observed. This business clearly demonstrated no respect for customer safety, regardless of knowledge concerning the dangers of this virus.

At this point, Trump wants things open no matter what the risk. Polls indicate a solid majority of people believe the virus is a real threat, and the president parading around with no mask is not going to make them feel safe to patronize an establishment that disrespects their safety.

Lacking reliable therapeutics and vaccines, forced openings of such nature that result in most people being afraid of being put in harm's way by visiting a business is not smart. What you end up with is a lot of people refusing the offered service, and the rest serving as vectors to spread the disease, potentially feeding another out-break.

A majority of governors, mayors and county officials have performed well during the pandemic. Many smart business owners have carried that start into our transition from lock-down to open. The current administration needs to perform as well. The precious lives of thousands of Americans are at stake.

Ed Shaffer
Galien

The bad battleplan of the 'War on Poverty'

Bruce Kauffmann
History Lesson

This week (May 22) in 1964, in a commencement address at the University of Michigan, President Lyndon Johnson unveiled what would be the keystone of his domestic policy. Titled "The War on Poverty," it outlined how the government would create a "Great Society" through new legislation and a cornucopia of new and expanded government agencies to put that legislation into practice. The two-tiered goal of "The Great Society" was to end racial discrimination and eradicate poverty.

On ending racial discrimination, Johnson deserves great credit, for he somehow convinced Congress – in 1964 dominated by southern committee chairmen with no interest in civil rights for blacks – to pass both the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Acts of 1965. With their passage, blacks were finally granted equal rights under the law.

By contrast, the war on poverty was not at all successful. In 2014, the 50th anniversary of the Great Society's "War on Poverty," the total cost to the U.S. taxpayer, measured in inflation-adjusted dollars, was $20 trillion, yet there was no measurable improvement in the number of people categorized as below the poverty line.

Why was that? Because in waging this war Johnson used the wrong battleplan. Most of the resulting welfare programs were (and are) not designed to end poverty, but to ease its burden by providing financial assistance, either in the form of welfare checks or in-kind benefits such as free or subsidized public housing, health care, and food stamps.

The result has been a permanently dependent underclass. In a Cato Institute poll conducted in 2019, 80 percent of Republicans and 72 percent of Democrats said the "War on Poverty" was a failure. And in that poll a majority – 63 percent – of those on welfare agreed. To them the problem was not insufficient government funding but spending money on the wrong priorities. Rather, the focus should be on eliminating the causes of poverty.

Bottom line: Most (not all, but most) people prefer freedom and self-sufficiency to dependency. Rather than stay tethered to the Welfare State, they desire the freedom to make their own decisions about their future, including accepting the consequences of bad decisions while reaping the rewards of good ones.

So, the correct battleplan is not to help them endure poverty, but escape poverty by providing them with both the incentive and means to do so. That would include spending money on a good education and/or good vocational training in a marketable profession, while simultaneously instilling in them a sense of self-sufficiency, independence and self-worth.

In the war on poverty, as in all wars, the chances of winning are greater if you give soldiers a good reason to fight, not an excuse to surrender.

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Are they lying to us, or are they lying to themselves?

Leonard Pitts

Are these people lying to us or are they lying to themselves?

For years, that's been the great imponderable of American politics, the question the rest of us asked as we watched nominal "conservatives" sink ever deeper into a morass of conspiracy, lies and alternative facts. Were they yanking our collective chain, working some deep strategy, invisible to our eyes? Or did they actually believe Barack Obama was a Muslim, born in Kenya? Or that Hillary Clinton ran a child-sex ring out of a pizza parlor? Or that the victims of mass shootings were really "crisis actors"?

It would be perversely reassuring to think they were lying only to us about all that, suggesting as it would that they understood the truth, but had, simply, if cynically, chosen for political advantage to deny it. If, however, they were lying to themselves, it suggested a people enmeshed in delusion and self-deception so profound they ought not be allowed to carry sharp objects.

Well, with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing a definitive answer take shape, and it is not reassuring. Bad enough bands of putative conservatives have brandished guns in resistance to measures designed to save their lives and harassed reporters for daring to report the "fake news" of a health crisis that has killed more than 90,000 Americans. Then, on Monday, Donald Trump explained how he is guarding against infection.

"I happen to be taking" hydroxychloroquine, he told reporters. Why? "'Cause I think it's good. I've heard a lot of good stories."

Unfortunately, none of those "good stories" is backed by even a smidgen of science. Hydroxychloroquine, a drug used to treat malaria and lupus, has not been shown to have any usefulness in warding off the coronavirus. In certain patients, it may even be linked to cardiac arrhythmia. In sum, then, hydroxychloroquine appears to be about as effective against COVID-19 as an injection of Lysol.

One may reasonably suspect, given Trump's habitual estrangement from the truth and the unlikelihood of any doctor with an ounce of integrity prescribing that drug, that he's lying and will soon claim he was just being "sarcastic." On the other hand, given his penchant for magical thinking, his aversion to masks and other pandemic safeguards and the fact that doctors without integrity are not unheard of, it's also reasonable to believe Trump is telling the truth.

More to the point, it's reasonable to believe he believes taking hydroxychloroquine will protect him from the pandemic, even as the crisis continues to fell members of his own administration. Trump's behavior, like that of the people chanting against masks and social distancing, raises an obvious question: Would they be acting this way if they thought it endangered their lives? Would they seek political advantage at the risk of their own health?

The answer is No. So what you're dealing with here are not political actors, but true believers, exercising their true belief.

Granted, it's hard to leave it at that. People are loath sometimes to credit the evidence of their own eyes and ears; they flinch from leveling judgments that clash too starkly with their understanding of how reasonable people behave. They look for a chain of logic, for reasons that might make sense to sensible people.

In so doing, they ignore the good advice of Dr. Maya Angelou: "When people show you who they are, believe them the first time."

Embrace that, and you will spend less time wondering how so many on the right can believe the coronavirus pandemic is a hoax when every day they see the death count rise.

They can because they can. And because they need to.

Dr. Angelou's wisdom also makes the answer to that first question starkly, if frustratingly, clear. Are they lying to us, or are they lying to themselves?

The answer is, Yes.

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OBITUARIES

Reinhard Erich Lippert

May 20, 1938 – May 15, 2020

Reinhard Erich Lippert, 81, of Benton Harbor passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020, at Caretel Inns, with his wife by his side. He celebrated his 82nd birthday on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in Heaven.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family from 4-6 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road. Burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date. Due to the uncertainty of the future of large events, these services are still tentative. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St., St. Joseph, or the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Turhill Dr., Suite 6, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Benton Harbor; daughter, Julie Lippert-Hoge; son-in-law, Michael Hoge; and two grandchildren, Rachel and Matthew Hoge. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Diana Loewen; sister-in-law, Marcia Ann Erb (and her husband Todd Erb); nephew, Ryan A. Erb (and his wife Melissa Erb); great-niece, Harper Ann Herb; and niece, Jenna Erb Grimm (and her husband John Grimm). He is also survived by many cousins locally and living in Germany and Austria.

He is preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Luke Hoge who passed away in 1997; and siblings, Gerda, Gerhard, Horst and another sibling who passed away in Poland/Germany as a baby whose name and age is unknown.

Reinhard's family is encouraging individuals to share their photos on the funeral home website.

Wade Icie McPeak

Oct. 18, 1938 – May 21, 2020

Wade Icie McPeak, 81, of South Haven passed away Thursday, May 21, 2020, at his daughter's home under Hospice care.

He was born Oct. 18, 1938, to Wade and Loretta (Jones) McPeak, in Marston, Mo. Wade honorably served his country in the United States Army and National Guard. Wade married Margaret "Peggy" Goheen on Feb. 9, 1963. They shared 52 years in marriage before her passing in 2015. Wade worked in tool and die in the automotive industry at National Motors, American Seating, Bohn Aluminum and Pullman Industries, and as a driver for McFadden Friendly Motors. He later graduated from Lake Michigan College in 1980. He loved bowling and was a pilot.

He is preceded in death, along with his wife and parents, by siblings, Autry, Jimmy, Agnus, WA, TJ and Charlie McPeak.

Wade is survived by his children, Elizabeth Anderson and Jane Dykstra, both of South Haven; siblings: Billy (Kay) McPeak of Grand Haven, Mich., Margie Molette of Wyoming, Mich., and Phylis Reyna, Brenda Blanchard and Alice Bradford, all of South Haven; six grandchildren: Laura (Frank) Kahsar, Benjamin Anderson, Robert (Maria) Dykstra Jr., Emily (Scott) Murk, Wade (Amanda) Dykstra and William Anderson; 11 great-grandchildren; and sons-in-law, Bob Dykstra and Ben Newton.

A memorial gathering will be held at the American Legion Post 49 in South Haven at a later date. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Pamela Jean Kirshenbaum

May 4, 1950 – May 4, 2020

On Monday, May 4, 2020, Pamela Jean Kirshenbaum passed away on her 70th birthday in Delray Beach, Fla.

Pam was born on May 4, 1950, in St. Joseph, to Marshall and Anne (Ruppel) Ott. She is survived by her husband, Ben Kirshenbaum; son, Je (Leza) Kirshenbaum; daughter, Kasey Kirshenbaum; grandchildren, Josh, Halley and Bunny Kirshenbaum; three sisters, Marsha (Ken) Magga, Kathy (Nick) White and Becky (Steve) Curley; and brother, David (Nancy) Ott.

Pam lived many lives, and her last years were some of her best. She was truly living her best life. The past few years she had made some of the best friends she has ever had. She was creating beautiful art, a passion she has always had, and what a talent she had for it, learning and teaching others in her home studio, in workshops she traveled to across the world, and online.

Pam loved being out on the golf course, playing almost every day. Over the years, she was a member of Berrien Hills Country Club, Point O' Woods Country Club, The Polo Club, Delaire Country Club and Harbor Shores. When she stepped up to the tee box, she was often the longest drive, even outdriving her husband. She played in every single tournament she could, placing in most.

Pam also had a passion for volunteering and helping those that were less fortunate than her. She was the field trip mom, the swim team mom and the volleyball team mom. Pam volunteered for Berrien County Cancer Service, who helped her so much through a very di cult time, and was also a member of the Women's Service League. She was captain of her tennis team. In her most recent years, in the Delaire Women's Golf Association, she was treasurer, tournament chair, co-captain, and captain of the Delaire Challenge Cup Team. As co-chair for the Play for Pink tournament, Pam was the first in her position to surpass raising $100,000 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Pam was one of the greatest women many of us will ever have had the pleasure of knowing. And what a pleasure and blessing it has been to have her in our lives.

"On the day we are born, we are entrusted with a mission. The righteous person lives her life achieving her fullest potential and completes her mission on earth in the most perfect way possible. This perfection is expressed in the fact that her mission ends on the very same day that is was begun." – Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. A private family burial was held at Temple B'Nai Shalom Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Berrien County Cancer Service. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Dorothy E. Hartline

Aug. 21, 1924 – May 21, 2020

Dorothy E. Hartline, 95, of Royalton Township died Thursday, May 21, 2020, at The Willows in Royalton Township.

Family services celebrating her life will be held at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Burial will follow in Spring Run Cemetery in Royalton Township. Memorials may be made to the Zion UCC Church in St. Joseph, Animal Aid or the Blue Star Mothers. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Dorothy was born on Aug 21, 1924, in Pearl Grange, to Clarence and Minnie Snyder. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1942. During World War II she wrote letters to the servicemen to boost their morale. She married her husband, Gale Hartline, in 1945, and he preceded her in death in 1989. Dorothy wrote a monthly newsletter for the Stroke Patients Encouragement Club after her husband suffered a stroke in 1982. After high school Dorothy was employed at Burnette Casting Co. in Keeler, Industrial Rubbers Goods and later managed summer apartment rentals for T.C. Popp in Grand Mere. She was involved in many area organizations where she would always be helping in some way. She was a longtime member of Zion UCC Church, a former member of the Tri-Unit Fire Department Auxiliary, a member of the Blue Star Mothers Chapter 177 and the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 585. Dorothy also loved doing crossword puzzles, enjoyed growing things, especially in the 1960s growing sweet corn, and helping people. The family will always remember her surprise 90th birthday party where everyone dressed up as characters from the Wizard of Oz.

Her Oz family includes her son, Alan (Marie) Hartline of Benton Harbor; her five grand "munchkins": Eileen (Tom) Dunsheath, David (Tami) Cox Sr., David (Andrea) Zizkovsky, Jo'nice (Jason) Butler and John (Jessica) Hartline; her 14 great-grand "munchkins": Lacie, Tracy, David Jr., Kwaid, Kayleen, Addison, Lillian, Vivvian, Mikayla, Emma, Hunter, Gabriel, William and Matthew; and her 12 great-great-grand"munchkins": Jason, Jacob, Jaxson, Kaylinn, Kwaid Jr., McKenzie, Elnora, Emory, Emily, Hendrix, Layne and Jordan.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Cox in 1991; her two sisters, Marian and Evelyn; and her two brothers, Carl and Richard.

So on the morning of Thursday, May 21, Dorothy tapped together the heels of her ruby slippers three times and said "There is no place like home."

Gertrude 'Trudy' (Cross) Rowe

Feb. 28, 1922 – May 12, 2020

Gertrude "Trudy" (Cross) Rowe, 98, of Lawrence passed away peacefully on May 12, 2020, at home, surrounded by her family.

Trudy was a lifelong resident of Lawrence and she was loved by all who knew her. Graduating as the Lawrence High School class of 1940 valedictorian, she went on to attend County Normal (Now Western Michigan University) and fulfilled her dream of becoming a teacher. In 1946, she married Paul U. Rowe, and together they become a staple in the farming community.

One of Trudy's passions was being a 4-H leader for over 30 years for the Corwin Crackerjacks as a cooking, sewing and club head. She was also a member of the Stitch and Chat Club, making quilts and donating proceeds to various local organizations. Trudy loved being a homemaker for Paul and their children. She loved cooking/baking, sewing and traveling, fulfilling a life-long dream of visiting Germany. She was an avid reader of mystery and history, especially that of Michigan.

Those who preceded her in death include, her husband, Paul; and her parents, Edna and Amasa Cross.

Surviving family members are: Paula Rowe of California, William and Susan Rowe of Georgia, Betty Lynn of Kalamazoo, Mich., Jerry and Pamala Rowe of Lawrence, Nancy and Pete Hinds of Tennessee, Dana and Judy Rowe of Alabama, Kathy and David Rozek of New York and Randy and Phillis Rowe of Kalamazoo; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. All were a special joy to Trudy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan (at hospiceswmi.org) or Lawrence Alumni Association.

A memorial service will be done later this year. The family has entrusted Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Richard L. Stanard

Feb. 12, 1939 – May 12, 2020

Richard L. Stanard, 81, of Kalamazoo passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Richard was born on Feb. 12, 1939, to Alfred and Ida Stanard, at home in Hamilton Township. Professionally, Richard was a meat cutter by trade and worked at Rich's in Lawton, Schnauzers in Schoolcraft and helped out on Newell Farms. He also was a co-owner of the family dairy farm, Peaches and Cream Farms and a farm in Homer, Mich. Those that knew him knew he had an interesting sense of humor, was stubborn and was short-tempered or sweet as can be... there was no in between. Richard loved his cows and taking cruises.

Richard is survived by his nieces and nephews: Judy Davidson, Ted (Kelly) Stanard, Tina Bortz, Colin (Brenda) Lindel, Jason Lindel, Dannielle Brown and Aimée Downing; and many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Ida Stanard; siblings, George Stanard and Katherine Lindel; and nephew, Scott Stanard.

A memorial gathering will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Newell Chapel, 83313 M-51, Decatur. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.newell-chapel.com.

Billy Lee Taylor

Oct. 31, 1927 – May 19, 2020

Services for Billy Lee "Pops" Taylor, who died May 19, 2020, have been rescheduled due to COVID-19 restrictions for social gatherings.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs. Friends may visit with the family at the cemetery beginning at 9 a.m. prior to the service.

Online messages and memories may be shared at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Death notices

Kerry Edward Coggins, 59, of South Haven died May 20, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Jerry Lee Edwards Jr., 62, of Benton Harbor died May 17, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Dorothy E. Hartline, 95, of Royalton Township died May 21, 2020, at The Willows, St. Joseph. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Harold V. Howe, 89, of Niles died May 20, 2020, in Mishawaka, Ind. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Pamela J. Kirshenbaum, 70, of St. Joseph died May 4, 2020, in Delray Beach, Fla. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mary Lou (Banfield) Makara, 91, of Lawton died May 19, 2020, at White Oaks Nursing Home, Lawton. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Lucille A. Marsh, 83, of Three Oaks died May 20, 2020. Wager Family Funerals, Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Michael Ray Mattson, 61, of Cassopolis died May 20, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Wade I. McPeak, 81, of South Haven died May 21, 2020 at his daughter's home. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Jane Susan (Cohen) Pellouchoud, 75, of Three Oaks died May 20, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Richard L. Stanard, 81, of Kalamazoo, Mich., died May 12, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Newell Chapel, Decatur, 423-2561.

Harold Vernon Howe

Oct. 27, 1930 – May 20, 2020

Harold Vernon Howe, 89, of Niles passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in Mishawaka, Ind.

Harold was born on Oct. 27, 1930, in Paragould, Ark., to the late Roy and Josephine Howe. On July 6, 1951, he married the love of his life, Blanche Anna Washburn, at a ceremony in Fort Smith, Ark. Harold served his time in the U.S. Army, and later in life he was a factory worker at Uniroyal. But his passion for the last several decades was being an auctioneer.

He is survived by his loving wife, Blanche; son, William (Cathy) Howe; brother, Audi Howe; sisters, Syble Johnston and Ann Streets; grandchildren, Stephen Howe and Stephanie Kowalski; great-grandchild, Dallas Kowalski; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Proceeding him in death are his parents, Roy and Josephine; brothers, Clyde Howe and Joseph Howe; and sister, Ivell Flowers.

A funeral service for Harold will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, with visitation at 4 p.m. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Lucille Ann Marsh

Feb. 27, 1937 – May 20, 2020

Lucille Ann Marsh, 83, of Three Oaks was called home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

She was born Feb. 27, 1937, in Chicago, to Bernard and Lucille Novak. She married Casey Marsh on Oct. 13, 1957, in Three Oaks. He preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1996. From this union, a son, Steven Bernard Marsh, was born on Dec. 6, 1967. Steven preceded Casey and Lucille in death on Jan. 28, 1987.

Lucille and Casey owned and operated Casey's Bargain Barn on their farm on Elm Valley Road for 43 years. After Steven's death, they moved to a smaller home on Warren Woods Road. Lucille was a teacher with Chikaming Elementary for 23 years, retiring in 1995.

Lucille will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by her best friend, Judy Naumann of Sawyer, who was like a daughter to her. She is also survived by her dog and companion, Tula.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and her son; as well as two of her dogs and companions, Millie and CoCo.

Please contact Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals regarding the arrangements at wagnercares.com or (269) 756-3831. Lucille will be laid to rest with her husband of 38 years and son in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Three Oaks. The family prefers contributions be made in Lucille's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or Shriner's Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Daniel Owen Case

Aug. 17, 1956 – May 16, 2020

Daniel Owen Case, 63, of Watervliet passed away Saturday, May 16, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Dan (Doc) was born Aug. 17, 1956, to Morton and Cindy (Green) Case, in Benton Harbor. Dan graduated from Dowagiac High School and went on to work for Hipskind Lumber Company in Coloma, Raymond Lumber in Naples, Fla., and Del's 24 Store in Naples. In his spare time, Dan enjoyed spending time with family and friends, ice fishing on Dewey Lake and watching NASCAR.

Dan is survived by his parents, Morton (Mac) and Cindy Case; his daughters, Dawn Schopieray (Jesse) and Daisy Mae; his daughter-in-law, Kristyn Case; and his grandchildren: Tanner Newstead, Tristen Witkowski, Hunter Case, Turner Witkowski, Lilly Ann Case and Saige Schopieray.

Dan is proceeded in death by his son, Daniel Case II; grandson, Anthony Case; brother-in-law, Rick Bradley.

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25 years ago – 1995

The new Stevensville post office at 5888 Cleveland Ave., Lincoln Township, will open for business on Tuesday, May 30, according to Postmaster Eugene Cramer Jr.

Cramer said the move will be made over the Memorial Day weekend. The last day to conduct business at the old office in downtown Stevensville will be Saturday, he added.

The new facility, across the street from Lakeshore High School, has about 7,500 square feet of space, compared to some 2,500 at the old one.

35 years ago – 1985

Watervliet High School's cross country coach and former track and basketball coach and biology and health teacher, Eugene Bednarowski, was killed yesterday in a two-vehicle crash while en route to a Red Arrow Conference track meet in Bangor.

He was a passenger in a pickup truck driven by Philip Lynch, also of Watervliet, while they were transporting a timing device to the track meet. The pickup slowed down to turn when it was struck from behind by a semitruck.

50 years ago – 1970

Mrs. Sally Dudas has opened Mi-Lady's Shoppe at 217 State Street in St. Joseph, with five times as much floor space as in her former store in Benton Harbor.

The store has a new teen boutique shop located upstairs called "The Upper Landing."

Mrs. Dudas said her husband, Bud, who operates the Sodus IGA grocery store, did all the carpentry work and installation of the new fixtures.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, May 23, the 144th day of 2020. There are 222 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 23, 1984, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a report saying there was "very solid" evidence linking cigarette smoke to lung disease in non-smokers.

On this date:

In 1814, a third version of Beethoven's only opera, "Fidelio," had its world premiere in Vienna.

In 1911, the newly completed New York Public Library was dedicated by President William Howard Taft, Gov. John Alden Dix and Mayor William Jay Gaynor.

In 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary during World War I.

In 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

In 1939, the Navy submarine USS Squalus sank during a test dive off the New England coast. Thirty-two crew members and one civilian were rescued, but 26 others died; the sub was salvaged and re-commissioned the USS Sailfish.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide by biting into a cyanide capsule while in British custody in Luneburg, Germany.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Few Showers	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms	Few Showers	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms
73°	63°	75° / 67°	73° / 69°	71° / 65°	72° / 67°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 73°, humidity of 65%. Southeast wind 6 to 14 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 65% chance of showers, overnight low of 63°. South southeast wind 7 to 13 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:17 a.m.
Sunset	9:08 p.m.
Moonrise	7:00 a.m.
Moonset	10:14 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
5/29	6/5	6/13	6/21

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	72°
Low	59°
Normal High	72°
Normal Low	50°
Record High	87° in 2007
Record Low	36° in 2006

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	4.18"
Normal for month	2.78"
Year to date	16.42"
Normal Year to date	11.96"

Air Quality

Yesterday	35
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

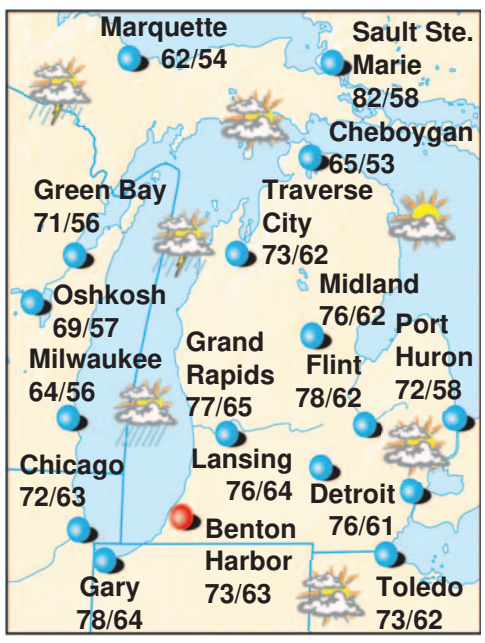
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

How many planets from the sun is the Earth? ?

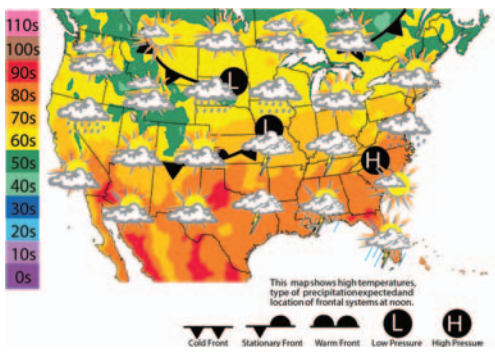
Answer: Earth is the third planet from the sun.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 23, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SE wind 6 to 8 kt. A chance of showers between 2pm and 5pm. Patchy fog. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 48 degrees. Tonight, S wind 9 to 11 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms, highs from the 60s to the 80s. East northeast wind 1 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 70s. Southeast wind 6 to 14 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. South southwest wind 4 to 8 mph.

Trump deems churches 'essential,' calls for them to reopen

By JILL COLVIN and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday that he has deemed churches and other houses of worship "essential" and called on governors across the country to allow them to reopen this weekend despite the threat of spreading the coronavirus.

"Today I'm identifying houses of worship – churches, synagogues and mosques – as essential places that provide essential services," Trump said during a hastily arranged press conference at the White House, where he didn't take questions. He said if governors don't abide by his request, he will "override" them, though it's unclear what authority he has to do so.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had prepared a draft of reopening guidelines for churches and other houses of worship weeks ago that included measures like maintaining distance between parishioners and limiting the size of gatherings.

But that guidance had been delayed for more than a month by the administration until Trump abruptly changed course Thursday.

"I said, 'You better put it out.' And they're doing it," Trump said Thursday at a Ford Motor Co. plant repurposed to make ventilators in Michigan. "And they're going to be issuing something today or tomorrow on churches. We've got to get our churches open."

Trump on Friday stressed the importance of churches in many communities and took issue with some of the businesses that had been allowed to reopen. "Some governors have deemed liquor stores and abortion clinics as essential" but not churches, he said. "It's not right. So I'm correcting this injustice and calling houses of worship essential."

"These are places that hold our society together and keep our people united. The people are demanding to go to church and synagogue, go to their mosque," he said.

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Whitmer extends stay-home order to June 12

Many businesses to remain closed

By SAMUEL DODGE
mlive.com

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has further extended the stay-home order, as well as closures that shut down many Michigan businesses to limit the spread of the coronavirus outbreak.

The governor signed two executive orders Friday to push various emergency mandates, including the stay-home order, to June 12 and Michigan's state of emergency to June 19.

The orders continue the temporary closure of public accommodations such as theaters, gyms, salons and casinos.

Executive order 2020-99 extends the emergency declaration and order 2020-100 extends the stay-home order and amends a number of previous orders restricting certain non-essential public activities.

Despite seven-day averages of confirmed cases declining in the last two weeks, Whitmer states the data isn't yet where it needs to be.

"While the data shows that we are making progress, we are not out of the woods yet," the governor said in a news release. "If we're going to lower the chance of a second wave and continue to protect our neighbors and loved ones from the spread of this virus, we must continue to do our part by staying safer at home. If we open too soon, thousands more could die and our hospitals will get overwhelmed. While we have more protective equipment like masks, we can't run the risk of running low again."

The most recent seven-day moving averages statewide were 525 new COVID-19 cases and 55 deaths per day. Friday's numbers were both below those averages. A week ago, the seven-day average for cases was 623 cases and 47 deaths.

Whitmer also referred to Mid-Michigan and West Michigan counties in the state such as Kent for continued increases.

Kent County reported 86 new cases Friday, more than any other Michigan county, followed by Wayne County with 64, and Macomb and Ottawa counties with 25 each. Oakland County, another of Michigan's hardest-hit areas, reported just six new cases Friday, after only eight Thursday.

Executive Order 2020-100 also provides guidance for workers, including COVID-19 protection and the affirmation on non-discrimination policies. You can read order 100 here and order 99 here.

"All of us know the importance of getting people back to work and the economy moving again," Whitmer said. "We've already loosened some restrictions on construction, manufacturing, landscaping, retail, and more. But the worst thing we can do is open up in a way that causes a second wave of infections and death, puts health care workers at further risk, and wipes out all the progress we've made."

Whitmer recently allowed the reopening of retail stores by appointment as well as allowing gatherings of 10 people or less.

Gatherings of 10 or less, retail by appointment allowed under new Whitmer order

"Businesses that the governor has authorized to reopen must provide COVID-19 training to workers that covers, at a minimum, workplace infection-control practices, the proper use of PPE, steps workers must take to notify the business or operation of any symptoms of COVID-19 or a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, and how to report unsafe working conditions," the governor's office announced.

In addition to the stay-home and emergency declaration extensions, Whitmer also signed Executive Order 2020-101, which prevents watercraft licenses from expiring until July 31.

She also signed Executive Order 2020-102, which continues the lifting of regulations on Reid Vapor pressure on gasoline fuel, while also allowing its sale and transportation. This is to address potential fuel shortages.

Lastly, she signed Executive Order 2020-103, which allows for local governments to inform residents of tax abatement hearings through alternative means than mass mailings, mainly electronically.

Don Campbell / HP staff

As a result of recent high water levels, homeowners along the St. Joseph River are concerned with erosion caused by boaters' wakes.

SJ riverfront property owners asking boaters to slow down

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — With water levels high and boating season kicking off, property owners along the St. Joseph River are asking boaters to slow down, for now.

St. Joseph resident Al DiBrito said he expects to lose as much as a foot of property along the riverbank this weekend alone. He said that in the 23 years he's lived along the river, he has lost about 15 feet to erosion. But that's not his only concern.

"My house is not in jeopardy. But the riverbank is eroding, and that's an environmental and ecological issue," DiBrito said. "Trees have fallen into the river, and that's dangerous for boaters."

A boater himself, DiBrito and about a half-dozen of his neighbors are distributing fliers and have signs available that say "High water, river erosion, please, no wake." He said some people have already placed them on their property, facing the river, so boaters can see them.

"This is strictly voluntary," he said.

To get an area designated as an official no wake zone that can be legally enforced takes years, DiBrito said.

When the river is high, man-made waves caused by boat wakes crash into the river bank and eat away at vegetation and the tree line. When the trees fall into the water, the bank erodes at an accelerated rate, he said.

"And the trees are a very important part of the ecosystem and for wildlife," he added.

DiBrito said he wants to work with the St. Joseph River Yacht Club and city and township officials to help get the word out.

"I'm a boater myself. It's not a problem when the river is down, but it's up nearly three feet. This doesn't have to be forever, but for now we're asking boaters to voluntarily slow down," he said. "When the water goes down, have fun."

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LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

Weekly Roll Call Report for the Herald Palladium

House Bill 5417, Authorize child Do-Not-Resuscitate orders: Passed 104 to 1 in the House

To allow a parent or guardian to sign a Do-Not-Resuscitate order for a minor child or ward who has an advanced illness, and prescribe related procedures and requirements. DNR orders apply in a setting outside a hospital, and current law does not provide for DNR orders for a minor.

Under the bill the orders would state: "I authorize that in the event the minor child's heart and breathing should stop, no person shall attempt to resuscitate the minor child. I understand the full import of this order and assume responsibility for its execution."

59 Rep. Aaron Miller R – Sturgis Y

66 Rep. Beth Griffin R – Mattawan Y

78 Rep. Brad Paquette R – Niles Y

79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel R – Bainbridge Township Y

80 Rep. Mary Whiteford R – Casco Township Y

House Bill 5418, Prescribe school actions on child Do-Not-Resuscitate orders: Passed 103 to 2 in the House

To establish procedures, rules and liability limitations for schools under the proposal in House Bill 5417 to allow parents and guardians to sign a Do-Not-Resuscitate order, which would also to a Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (POST) directive for a minor child with an advanced illness.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller R – Sturgis Y

66 Rep. Beth Griffin R – Mattawan Y

78 Rep. Brad Paquette R – Niles Y

79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel R – Bainbridge Township Y

80 Rep. Mary Whiteford R – Casco Township Y

House Bill 5488, Let courts keep imposing operations costs on defendants: Passed 101 to 4 in the House

To extend until October of 2022 a law that permits courts to impose any costs on guilty defendants that are reasonably related to the actual costs of operating the court, including building maintenance expenses, court employee benefit expenses and more, and do so without tying those expenses to the particular case. The controversial 2014 law that authorized these impositions has already been extended once, and the introduced version of this bill would have added another three years, not two years.

59 Rep. Aaron Miller R – Sturgis Y

66 Rep. Beth Griffin R – Mattawan Y

78 Rep. Brad Paquette R – Niles Y

79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel R – Bainbridge Township Y

80 Rep. Mary Whiteford R – Casco Township Y

Senate Bill 876, Coronavirus epidemic response bills – drivers license expirations: Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate

To extend until June 30, 2020 the expiration date on a drivers license or vehicle registration that expired between Feb. 1 and May 31, 2020. Senate Bills 877 and 878 were also passed to do the same with state identification cards and "enhanced" versions of both document.

21 Sen. Kim LaSata R – Bainbridge Township Y

26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt R – Lawton Y

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About 25K Berrien households need to complete census

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — It's been two months since the 2020 Census was sent out and about 25,000 Berrien County households still need to complete it.

"The Census Bureau is no longer sending out reminders so if you're living in one of those households, go online at my2020census.gov or call toll-free 1-844-330-2020 to complete the form. It takes about 10 minutes and your individual information is confidential," Kathy Stady, Berrien County Census Hub coordinator, said Friday.

Berrien County is sitting at a 62 percent response rate as of Wednesday, with Van Buren and Cass counties sitting at about 60 percent.

The U.S. Census Bureau updates response rates every few days (https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html).

The overall response rate for Michigan is 66.5 percent, while the national average is 59.8 percent.

Stady said it's critical that every single person is counted.

"The census is how our federal dollars are returned to us to fund projects and programs that we count on," she said. "This current census count will be the basis for federal funding for the next 10 years for roads, education, school lunches, housing, Head Start, Medicaid, Medicare and other federal programs all based on census data."

A lot of these programs are being used right now to help people in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

"We can take some measure of comfort in knowing that help is available during this time for the most needy and vulnerable among us," Stady said.

Through federal funds allocated to the state of Michigan:

- Special programs for the aging continue to provide nutritious meals to our older adults who cannot leave their homes.
- School breakfast and lunch programs can still provide meals and snacks to children throughout the state even though they are not currently attending

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Lakeland Niles gets maternity care excellence award

By HP STAFF

NILES — The nonprofit Economic Alliance for Michigan recently awarded Lakeland Hospital, Niles with the 2020 Maternity Care Excellence Award for excellence in maternity care and deliveries.

The hospital is one of 16 in the state to earn the award this year, according to a Spectrum Health Lakeland news release.

The award is part of EAM's Maternity Care Project, which aims to decrease the state's infant mortality and reduce the rate of not medically indicated cesarean sections. It also is an educational resource for new and expecting parents.

In 2018, Michigan had an infant mortality rate of 6.2 per 1,000 live births – 18th highest in the country, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The national average was 5.9.

For the award, hospitals were evaluated in four areas: cesarean rates (less than or equal to 29.3 percent of low-risk deliveries), episiotomy rates (less than or equal to 5 percent of deliveries), elective early delivery rates (less than or equal to 5 percent of deliveries) and maternity care processes (90 percent or greater).

To be awarded the Excellence Award, hospitals need to meet the standard in all four areas in the same calendar year.

The data was provided by The Leapfrog Group, a Washington, D.C.-based organization aiming to improve health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers.

The Maternity Care Project provides details for each birth center in Michigan. To compare birth centers, visit www.maternitycareproject.com.

Residents, businesses sue dam operator over ruinous flooding

WEST BLOOMFIELD (AP) — Residents and businesses in Central Michigan communities that were submerged when two dams failed this week on Friday sued the operator of the dams and two state agencies charged with overseeing the structures.

The lawsuit came as yet more residents were forced to evacuate their homes after being overwhelmed by flooding along the Tittabawassee River and conjoining waterways.

About a dozen people have left their homes in Spaulding Township where some roads and fields are under 4 to 5 feet of floodwater, but some in the community refused to leave despite warnings, Fire Chief Tom Fortier said Friday.

Water stood 2 to 3 feet deep in some houses, Fortier said.

The Tittabawassee became engorged late Tuesday when the aging Edenville and Sanford dams failed after heavy rain. The river crested Wednesday in Midland – about 20 miles upstream from Spaulding Township – leaving the small city and surrounding areas under several feet of water and forcing about 11,000 people to evacuate their homes.

President Donald Trump declared an emergency Thursday.

Several homes were damaged in Midland, but no one has been injured or killed. Selina Tisdale, a Midland city spokeswoman, said Friday that displaced residents are allowed to return home if it is safe to do so.

A lawsuit filed in federal court in Detroit Friday alleges that the dams' operator, Boyce Hydro, "failed to operate, fix, or repair the dams in accordance with the established standard of care, resulting in catastrophic injury and damage to residents and their properties." The lawsuit also names the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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school.

■ MIChild continues to administer health care programs to the low-income, uninsured children of Michigan's working families.

■ Health care centers in underserved rural and urban communities continue to provide primary health care services, regardless of the ability to pay.

■ The Child Care and Development Fund continues to provide financial assistance for childcare, so parents may continue to work.

"While programs such as these are particularly important during the coronavirus pandemic, we must make sure we have them in the future," Stady said.

Stady said the Berrien County Census Hub, in partner with the Berrien Community Foundation, have been reaching out to residents through flyers in school lunch packets, postcards and social media. Some local census events planned by nonprofits have been rescheduled to late summer.

Those events will help get hard-to-count residents counted.

Parts of Berrien County have been identified as "hard-to-count" because of lack of internet access, high homeless or couch surfing rates, or low income areas.

Benton Harbor is an example of this, with only 49 percent of its households responding as of Wednesday, but that's up from 43 percent on April 7.

Most of Southwest Michigan's other population centers, even the ones with a lot of second homes, saw closer to a 10-20 percent increase in responses from April 7 to now.

Those areas with low response rates include South Haven, which is now at 41 percent, up from 30 percent; New Buffalo, which had 25 percent and is now at 35 percent; Hagar Township, which had 35 percent and is now at 48 percent; and Watervliet Township, which rose from 37 percent to 52 percent.

Comparing those numbers to the rest of Southwest Michigan's population centers:

Benton Township is at 59 percent; Hartford is at 62 percent; Berrien Springs, Niles and Bangor are at 63 percent; Dowagiac is at 61 percent; Bridgman and St. Joseph are at 64 percent; Coloma is at 66 percent; Watervliet and Shoreham are at 67 percent; Eau Claire is at 68 percent; Buchanan is at 69 percent; Baroda is at 73 percent; while Stevensville comes in with a 74 percent response rate, Royalton Township is at 75 percent, and Lincoln Township is at 76 percent.

Stady said the Census Bureau has revised its operations schedule yet again, due to the COVID-19 crisis, so census staff are now scheduled in August to begin going door-to-door to the households that have not completed the census form. They were first set to start knocking on doors at the beginning of May, then the end of May.

Census employees will only go to households that have not submitted their census form by August.

To complete the census, visit my2020census.gov, call toll-free 844-330-2020, or return the paper survey. Some homes received a paper survey in March, others in April. If you did not receive any census information, you are still able to complete the form online or by phone by entering your address.

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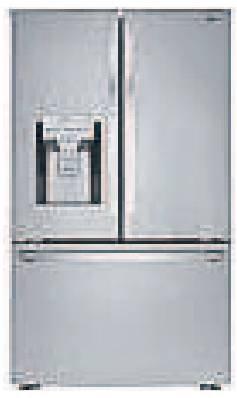
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Survey: Majority of Americans believe it's too soon to reopen local businesses

By SARAH FOSTER
Bankrate.com (TNS)

John J. Kim / Chicago Tribune / TNS

People keep a social distance from one another to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while waiting to get coffee at a shop in Chicago.

The U.S. economy isn't like the movie "Field of Dreams:" If you reopen it, there's no guarantee anyone will come.

With the unofficial start of summer just around the corner, states continue to tiptoe toward a nationwide reopening amid the coronavirus pandemic.

But just 1 in 3 adults (35 percent) say it'd take less than a month before they'd feel comfortable visiting local businesses if they were to open up between now and the end of Memorial Day – even with enhanced safety procedures, according to a new Bankrate survey. That total includes 22 percent who'd feel comfortable visiting within a week.

Meanwhile, more than half (55 percent) say businesses are reopening too soon, and more than 2 in 5 (43 percent) say they expect to shop less in public than they did before the outbreak. Republicans and Democrats are on opposite sides of both of those issues, according to the poll.

It suggests the U.S. economy can't be flipped on and off like a light switch, as experts far-and-wide echo concerns that the pandemic might wreak a toll on consumer spending that can't immediately be made up.

It also highlights one of the most pressing pick-your-poisons in modern times that's left both sides of the aisle divided: Saving lives or the economy.

"While retailers are naturally eager to welcome consumers back to brick-and-mortar locations, store traffic won't return to normal in the near future," says Mark Hamrick, Bankrate's senior economic analyst. The survey indicates "consumer spending will remain under pressure."

Key takeaways from the survey were:

■ More than half of Americans say it's too soon to reopen the economy.

■ More than 1 in 8 Americans say they won't visit a business in-person unless there's a vaccine or the virus is contained.

■ More than 2 in 5 expect to shop less at brick-and-mortar stores.

■ Three in 4 Democrats say it's too soon to open economy, compared with 35 percent of Republicans.

■ Half of U.S. households believe they were financially harmed from the coronavirus outbreak.

■ Americans are cautious about in-person trips to businesses

The pandemic has wreaked havoc on the financial system both here and abroad, unraveling a downturn unlike anything the U.S. economy has seen since World War II, according to Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell.

States coast-to-coast issued stay-at-home orders in mid-March to keep as many people at home as possible, shutting down bars, restaurants, retailers, theaters, gyms and beauty salons to prevent the spread of the virus. The pathogen has infected more than 4.48 million worldwide, with about a third of the cases occurring in the U.S.

Those efforts have deprived the U.S. economy of its main source of fuel: consumer spending. Yet, Bankrate's survey suggests the main culprit might be the lockdowns combined with a fear of the virus.

When it comes to feeling comfortable about venturing out again, most Americans are eyeing a longer time-horizon. While nearly 35 percent say they will be comfortable visiting businesses within a month, nearly 1 in 5 (19 percent) say they'd rather wait between one month and less than three months.

Another 11 percent say they'd prefer to wait between three and six months. About 13 percent say they won't want to visit stores in-person until there's a vaccine or the virus is contained.

Individuals' comfort levels with entering brick-and-mortar stores also posed a puzzling age divide, given that the virus has shown to be more deadly for individuals in older generations.

Those who are 73 or older, as well as those between the ages of 18 and 24, are the most eager to venture out. Nearly 44 percent and 42 percent, respectively, say they'd be comfortable visiting a store less than a month after its reopening. It's the highest of any age group, and it compares with just 3 in 10 millennials who say they'd be willing to venture out within a month of a firm's reopening.

At the same time, about 17 percent of those 73 or older won't feel comfortable going to a store unless there's a vaccine or the virus is contained, compared with 5 percent of those 18-24.

More Americans plan to visit less

Once Americans do return to stores, they aren't expecting to shop in-person as much as they did before the outbreak began.

More than 2 in 5 (43 percent) say they expect to shop less at brick-and-mortar locations once businesses reopen. Another 42 percent expect to stick to the same routine, while 5 percent say they are going to ramp up their visits.

All of this foreshadows a continued slump in sales for traditional in-person retailers, long after the restrictions end. That doesn't bode well for growth moving forward, given that spending makes up two-thirds of the economy.

"Nobody consumes as reliably as the American consumer. You give them a dollar, they will spend it," says Michael Farr, president and CEO of Farr, Miller & Washington, a D.C.-based investment management firm. "But if they feel threatened going to the marketplace, that's going to stop a certain number of trips, and that's going to lower consumer spending. Consumption is about 70 percent of GDP. It's hard to grow your economy when two-thirds of it can't support it."

Reopening America's businesses

While more than half (55 percent) think local businesses are opening too soon, nearly a quarter (or 23 percent) say the timing is just about right. That compares with 9 percent who say it's too late, and 13 percent who don't know.

Women are more inclined to think it's too soon for businesses to reopen, with 61 percent saying it's too early compared to 49 percent of men. At the same time, 62 percent of baby boomers (ages 56-74) say it's too soon to open the economy, versus 48 percent of those in Generation Z (ages of 18-23).

"While governments are giving the go-ahead to Americans to venture out of their homes to resume a semblance of their lives before the lockdowns, a majority believe this is happening too soon," Hamrick says.

Bottom line

Given that fears of a second wave are at the top of many Americans' minds, the coronavirus pandemic is unlikely to leave the national conversation anytime soon. Bankrate's survey suggests political parties couldn't be more divided as the 2020 presidential race heats up, a high-stakes election for both sides come November.

"The nation's political divide is in full view here with 3 of 4 Democrats saying it is too soon to be reopening businesses compared to about 1 in 3 Republicans," Hamrick says.

Trump released reopening guidelines for states in mid-April, laying out three phases and suggesting governors should kick-start the process once there's been a 14-day period in which the number of new coronavirus cases have declined.

Online stores will likely have a competitive edge, given that Americans won't have to contend with fears of catching the virus if they shop from home. But that might not be enough to fill the gap as hotels, airlines, restaurants and cruise lines all feel a squeeze.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

JohnsonRauhoff hires senior writer

ST. JOSEPH — JohnsonRauhoff announced its hired Clayton Boothe as an advertising writer.

Boothe began his career in 1985 in Dallas as copywriter/proofreader for a small advertising agency. Less than three years later, he moved on to Bozell/Dallas to create advertising for megabrands including American Airlines and NationsBank.

In 1993, he moved to a Chicago agency to become creative director on their Buick business. Next, he went on to become vice president/senior regional creative director at Young & Rubicam/Detroit, steering the advertising for dozens of Lincoln-Mercury Dealer Associations throughout the Southeast and Southwest U.S.

In 1996, Boothe made the leap across the state to become creative director at Hanon McKendry, an up-and-coming hot shop that garnered over 100 ADDY Awards for creative excellence during his tenure. Boothe later opened his own creative services boutique in late 1999, where he continued to build on his business for the next 20 years.

NEW IN BUSINESS

Wightman wins concrete award

KALAMAZOO — Wightman was honored by Michigan Concrete Association with the organization's Michigan Awards of Excellence in the Structural – Transportation category for its work on the Halbert Road Culvert replacement project.

The Calhoun County Road Department discovered that five Halbert Road culverts over Waubascon Creek, north of the City of Battle Creek, had reached the point of critical failure and required replacement.

Wightman worked to design a curved precast concrete box culvert that provided a solution to the complex requirements of the project and site. Despite additional challenges, the project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

Additional project work included new hot mix asphalt pavement, guardrail improvements, slope protection and site restoration.

CCRD, Balkema Excavating, Northern Concrete Pipe and Wightman were honored for their work during the MCA awards luncheon during the 2020 Winter Conference and Workshop on Feb. 13 at Kaellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Michigan State University.

Would your hobby make a sustainable business?

SCORE

This column is provided by SCORE, an organization dedicated to helping small businesses start, grow and succeed. The local SCORE chapter provide free and confidential mentoring in management, accounting, marketing and business plan preparation.

Running a successful business centered on doing something you love is the dream of many entrepreneurs.

What could be more gratifying than making a living sharing your talents and skills with others?

On the internet, you'll find a long list of articles and resources offering advice and insight specifically geared toward hobbyists who want to take the step and go from "passion" to "profit."

It's not difficult to find success stories about everyday people – from photographers to interior designers to carpenters and others – who have turned hobbies and interests they were passionate about into viable businesses.

That's encouraging if you're contemplating making the transition from hobbyist to small business owner. It's important to know, however, that not all hobbies (and the people participating in them) may be well suited for entrepreneurship.

Here are some essential points to consider as you explore the feasibility of your hobby becoming a sustainable business:

■ Will you still enjoy doing the work after you have to do it (versus having the luxury of doing it only when you're inspired to)?

■ Are you willing to put yourself out there? It's one thing to work on your hobby for your own satisfaction and another to put what you produce out there to be scrutinized by others.

■ Will people (and enough of them) be willing to pay for what you create?

■ Do you have the knowledge and capacity to both create your product or service AND take care of the other administrative and operational responsibilities that come with starting and running a business?

SCORE mentor Dennis Wright from the Orange County, California chapter suggests you take the following actions as you assess the viability of your hobby becoming a business that supports you and your family:

Identify who your prospective customer really is. Not everyone is going to be interested in your product or service.

Determine the benefit you'll be selling. What need or want will your product or service satisfy?

Consider how you'll communicate your value proposition and why your product or service is better than those of your competitors.

Establish what your prospective customers would be willing to pay for your product or service.

Do the math. Can you be profitable at that price point? Make sure you consider overhead costs in addition to cost of goods sold.

"Once you complete your research and have the answers to those basic questions you'll be ready to start drafting a business plan," explains Wright. "A written plan is important because it helps identify the time, energy, and money necessary to take your hobby to another level."

If you need assistance in determining if you and your hobby are suited for small business, there are resources to help you. Consider taking advantage of the free mentoring services from SCORE (find more details at www.SCORE.org) and also check out the information on the Small Business Administration website (www.sba.gov).

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Arnold named BH football coach

Ferris St. cornerbacks coach helped guide Bulldogs to Div. II title game in 2018

By HP STAFF

Of the nine people interviewed to be Benton Harbor's varsity football coach, one stood out.

ARNOLD

The school announced Friday that Jinks Arnold, cornerbacks coach at Ferris State, has been named coach.

Arnold spent three seasons at Ferris. In 2018, the Bulldogs reached the Division II national championship game.

"He's going to bring a lot of excitement and passion to our program," said Benton Harbor Athletic Director Michael Van Hoven. "Right now we're putting together our staff, and when we're able to to work with the kids we want to be as ready as we can be."

He played football at Grand Rapids Community College under current Ferris State coach Tony Annese. From there, he played Division II ball at Southwest Baptist in Missouri.

Later, he played football at Rockford University in Illinois, where he graduated with a degree in sports management.

He is a graduate of Plainfield North High School in Plainfield, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

Arnold replaces Tom Mathews, who left after last season to take the same job at Hartford. In his two seasons, Mathews went 8-10.

Mathews took over for legendary area coach Elliot Uzelac, who guided the Tigers for three seasons, including a 9-0 regular season in 2016. The Tigers were 21-11 during that stretch.

Coincidentally, Arnold and his Tigers are scheduled to face Uzelac and his new team, Berrien Springs, in the season opener in August.

Arnold could not be reached Friday for comment.

Ex-Bulls, Jazz great Jerry Sloan dies at 78

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

Jerry Sloan, the Hall of Fame coach who was a fixture for decades in Utah and took the Jazz to the NBA Finals in 1997 and 1998, died Friday. He was 78.

The Jazz said he died from complications of Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia. Sloan had been in failing health for many years.

Sloan spent 23 seasons coaching the Jazz. He also was the coach in Chicago for parts of three seasons, going 94-121. But his ties with the Bulls were much deeper.

His No. 4 jersey was retired by the team after a playing career in which he averaged 14.0 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in 755 games over 11 NBA seasons.

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This April 3, 1997, photo shows an aerial view of Texas Motor Speedway on its first day of operation in Fort Worth, Texas. IndyCar has gotten the green flag to finally start its season in Texas. The race will be run June 6 without spectators at Texas Motor Speedway.

IndyCar drivers cope with strange Memorial Day weekend

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Simon Pagenaud knows what he should be doing right now.

Friday's plan was to climb into the No. 22 Chevrolet for one final test session, mingle with fans and plot race strategy. On Sunday, he'd chase a second straight Indianapolis 500 victory.

Instead, he is spending the Memorial Day weekend quietly at home, far away from deafening engines and roaring crowds. He talks about the future – IndyCar's season opener in Texas on June 6, the series' first July race at the Brickyard, the COVID-19 pandemic that caused this chaos – and his hope that the rescheduled 500 weekend in August proves to be as festive and fun as he expected.

"It really hit me on qualifying weekend. It was my birthday," Pagenaud said on a Zoom call Friday. "It was really strange – no stress, no anxiety but I was missing something that was very dear to my heart. It's just the best feeling in racing that day, and I look forward to it every year. Also today is Carb Day, I was thinking 'Wow, we'd be doing this or that and pretty soon we'd be racing.' So it's definitely strange."

It's been anything but business as usual for IndyCar. From revised travel plans to virtual racing, everyone has scrambled to find their place. Fans just might park around Indianapolis Motor Speedway this weekend and celebrate their annual traditions anyway.

Even Will Power, the 2018 Indy winner, finds himself in a different role – watching his wife, Elizabeth, compete in Saturday's Better-Half Invitational. Created by James Hinchliffe, it will pit 17 partners of IndyCar drivers in an online race that includes two practice sessions and a qualifying run.

All of it helps because drivers are coping with a seemingly endless offseason.

"I haven't even kept an eye on the date," said Power, Pagenaud's teammate for Team Penske. "I didn't even realize it was May. North Carolina is nice in May, but it's the first time I've seen North Carolina in May. I hope I don't have to see it again in May for like another 10 years."

Pagenaud, the first French winner of the 500 in more than a century, hasn't even been able to savor the spoils of being the defending champion.

Instead of spending the month of May in the media spotlight, he's simply tried to stay fit, fine-tune his racing skills on simulators and reflect on what May could have been.

"To be honest, it's not the driving itself," Pagenaud said when asked what he missed most about Carb Day. "It's the crowd coming to the track, seeing the buildup before the race. We usually get to meet some kids from school as well. It's just fun."

Perhaps it will be that way this summer ahead of the Aug. 23 race.

Boles and series officials hope fans will return then, even if the crowd is significantly smaller than the usual 270,000-plus that make the 500 the world's largest single-day sporting event.

"Usually in May you never get home because you'd be flat out at the speedway all the time and it's a very intense time," said Takuma Sato, who became the first Japanese race winner in 2017. "This is very weird, a very strange feeling."

But soon, those feelings will go away. Racing will be back and so will the 500 that Pagenaud longs to run.

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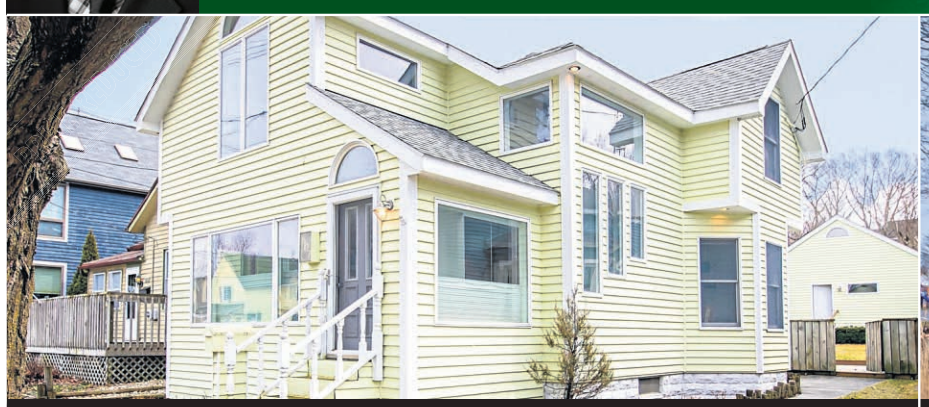

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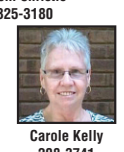
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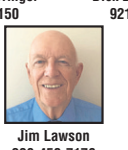
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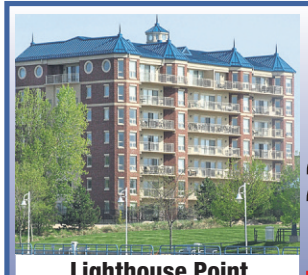

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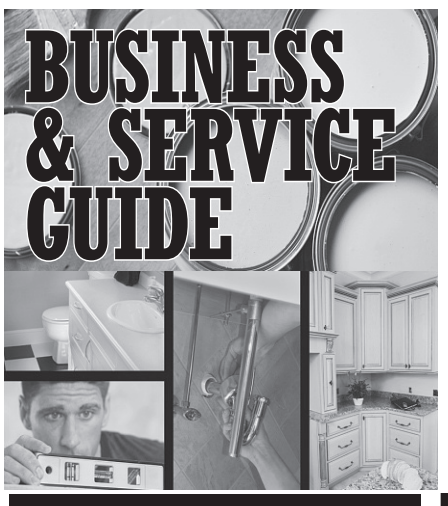

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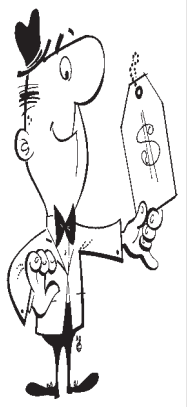

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1 Dodge a conviction
5 Kin kin
9 Amazon review rating units
14 Gathered dust
17 Morlock prey
18 Logical opening
19 Swift's brutish race
20 Backing
21 Easter precursor
22 What's expected
23 Kind of lead a closer often has to protect
24 Hop on the bandwagon
25 People's 2019 Sexiest Man Alive
27 Drop-down item
29 Grammy channel
30 Patient person?
31 Sense
33 Copter topper
35 Tarnished
37 More than just asks
41 Dawn
43 "Now __ heard it all!"
44 Austin __: Tennessee university
45 Conquest for Caesar
47 Osso __
48 Court break point
52 1971 New York prison riot site
54 Phil Collins' longtime band
56 First name in student loans
57 Big 12 Cowboy's rival
58 Help the bad guys
59 Buzz creator
61 Twilights, in verse
62 Vocalist
64 Long border range
66 Dives into, as a workload
69 Dundee denials
70 Speak with style
71 Makeshift weapon
72 Luray attraction
75 Burgundy and Weasley
76 Landed with a line
80 Novelist Waugh
81 Ref. whose recent updates include "chillax" and "whatev"
83 Ward of "FBI"
85 Prefix with cortical
86 College URL ending
89 Madison in "Splash," e.g.
91 Acorn coats
92 Thumbs-ups
93 "... kissed thee __ killed thee": Othello
94 Foreshadow
96 Cut down
97 "Told you so!"
98 Laundry cycle
100 Furthered the development of
102 Eager beaver's demand
106 Leading airplane features?
108 Farm gatherings
109 Red-carpet honorees
110 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
112 Maker of BILLY bookcases
114 Outback offering
118 Small craft
119 Acknowledge the general
121 Folksy Guthrie
123 Gator tails?
124 "Great" primate
125 Post-Christmas event
126 "Forbidden" perfume
127 One of a seagoing trio
128 Beethoven's "__ Adieux" Sonata
129 Horses originally developed in a desert climate
130 Sty feed
131 He played Ricky in early TV

DOWN

1 Competently
2 Sheltered, at sea
3 Time-consuming
4 Downwind
5 Downgrade
6 Sworn statement
7 Stint
8 One that usually leaves the park
9 __ Salvador
10 Downplay
11 Simple choice
12 Haul out of bed
13 Phishing target, briefly
14 Wear with pride
15 Crop up
16 Fit as a fiddle
19 Downstream
24 Downward
26 New start?
28 Cardinals, e.g.: Abbr.
30 Skin care brand
32 Field
34 Heavy burden
36 What some put on to feel better about themselves
37 Bridge call
38 Anti-harassment movement
39 Anti-apartheid author Alan
40 Cube makeup
42 Prepare for a selfie
46 Syr. neighbor
49 TVA output
50 Descend
51 House mtg.
53 "Dog Whisperer" Millan
55 Surgery opening?
60 Simplify
63 Canadian gas
65 Very confused
67 Downcast
68 127-Across feature
70 Downdraft
72 Suffragist Elizabeth __ Stanton
73 Skin soother
74 November honorees
76 Home detector target
77 Block
78 Blown away
79 Interminably
82 Part of FEMA: Abbr.
84 Rights movement shorthand
87 Maker of Zero-Turn mowers
88 Functions
90 City that aptly rhymes with "casino"
95 Word on a bill
99 What a mouse may evoke
101 __ Fridays
102 Podium handout
103 Bolt to tie the knot
104 Sends packing
105 One working on pitches
107 There aren't quite enough of them in musical chairs
111 Hari of espionage
113 Sea devastated by irrigation projects
115 Actress Falco
116 Urges
117 Morales of "Jericho"
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120 __-80: old computer
122 Bit of Wall St. news

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Finish what you start. If you jump from one thing to another, you'll accomplish little. Determine what you want and head in that direction with relentless energy and enthusiasm. Refuse to let outside influences throw you off course. Associate with people who make you a better person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Listen carefully. You'll misunderstand what's being said or be taken advantage of if you are too gullible. Ask questions and make decisions based on facts. Avoid any costly ventures.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Look for a new way to solve an old problem. Steer clear of authority figures, government agencies and institutions. Work on your own, if possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use your intelligence and expertise to convince others to see or do things your way. Your input will have an impact on someone who can contribute to your success. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be ready for whatever comes your way. Preparation will be your saving grace when someone tries to undermine you. A personal change will help solve an old problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Express your thoughts and share your intentions. Make plans with a loved one, but don't make unrealistic promises. Added discipline will encourage you to look and be your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't neglect financial, legal or medical issues. Someone will feed you outdated information. An unexpected change at home will end up being beneficial. Walk away from situations that limit you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Head in a direction that suits you. Don't buy into someone else's plans or ventures. Stay focused on what you want and on those who bring out the best in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be prepared to dismiss an idea that isn't based on facts or is too costly. Take on less and pay close attention to detail to get good results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use your imagination to dazzle everyone with your insight and enthusiasm. Home improvements will lead to better relationships. Make unique plans with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll face opposition, argumentative people and challenges that could disrupt a meaningful relationship. Don't meddle or get involved in someone else's drama. More exercise and a proper diet will ease stress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Set your sights on what you want and don't stop until you get your way. Your hard work will pay off and give you a chance to do something you enjoy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Resurrect an old idea or plan and give it some more thought. A couple of adjustments will help you update your strategy to fit current trends. Replace criticism with positive suggestions.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Look for opportunities and sink your teeth into something you've been longing to do. Let your willpower lead the way and your desire to succeed motivate you. Don't be fooled by what others do or say. Stick to your game plan and forge ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take pride in what you do and don't let others' actions or words stand in your way. Jealousy will surface if your accomplishments threaten someone you work alongside. Choose associates wisely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Get your facts straight before you share information. Your reputation will depend on how you handle situations that affect you, your family or your community. Do your best to stabilize a situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Contribute to something you believe in or feel you can improve. Collaborating with people you have worked with in the past will help you get things done quickly and efficiently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Sit back and observe. The less you say, the easier it will be to distance yourself from an unstable situation that could cause problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Learn all you can. You'll have the discipline to stick to something that could help you update your skills, education and lifestyle. Personal growth is favored, and romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial, health or legal obligations will surface. A responsible attitude must be maintained, and finding out the facts and figures before you engage in conversations will be to your advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Consider the source of information you receive before you react. Spend more time fixing up your surroundings and paying attention to the people who are always there for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Put your heart and soul into personal growth and improving relationships with loved ones. Distance yourself from unpredictable individuals trying to pressure you into something you don't want to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you let your creative imagination take charge, you will find ways to transform your personal space into something that brings you peace and joy. Make personal growth and romance priorities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will be held accountable if you give someone false information or bad advice. Take better care of your physical, mental and emotional well-being. Do your own thing.

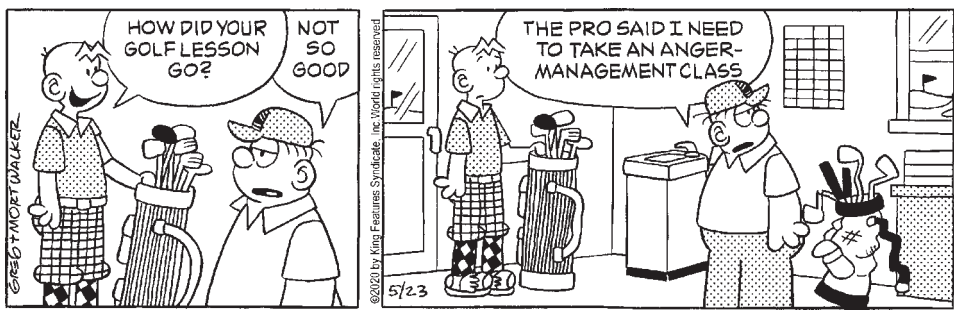
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Diversity will ward off boredom. Think big, but take on only what's reasonable. If you use your time wisely, it will pay off. Examine your motives, as well as those of others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take a broader look at what's possible and what isn't. Having a plan in place before you start something new will be essential if you want to achieve what you desire.

Extra Business is as easy as asking for it!
DO IT HERE, DO IT NOW!

TOO MUCH CLUTTER?
HAVE A GARAGE SALE!
ADVERTISE IN CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

BEETLE BAILEY



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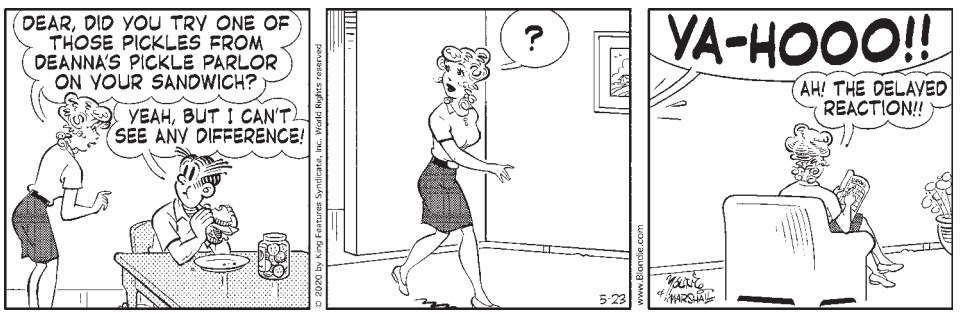
DEAR, DID YOU TRY ONE OF THOSE PICKLES FROM DEANNA'S PICKLE PARLOR ON YOUR SANDWICH?
YEAH, BUT I CAN'T SEE ANY DIFFERENCE!
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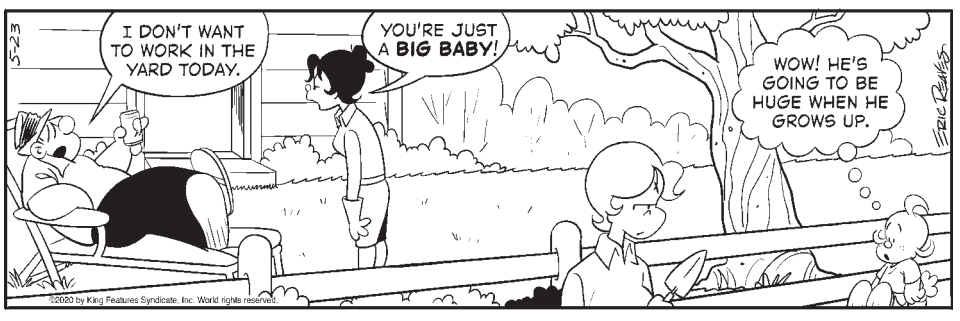
YA-HOOO!!
AH! THE DELAYED REACTION!!

HI & LOIS



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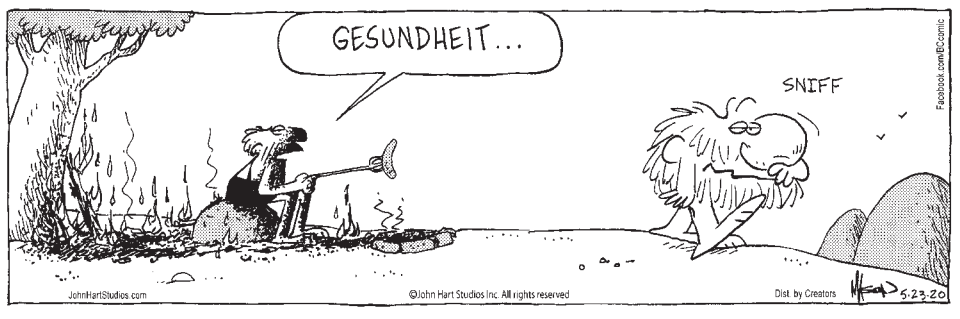

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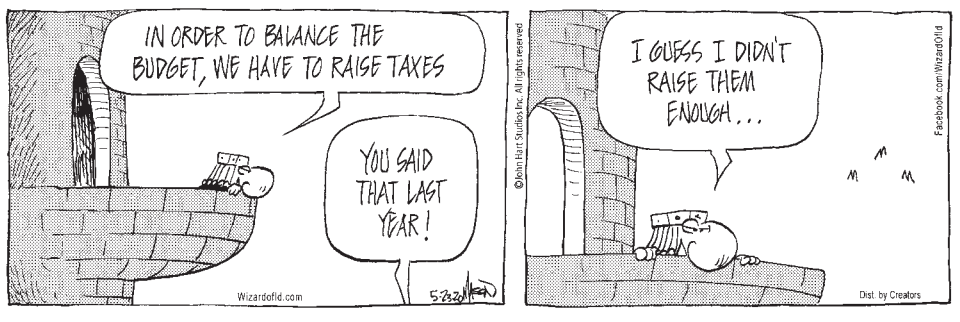
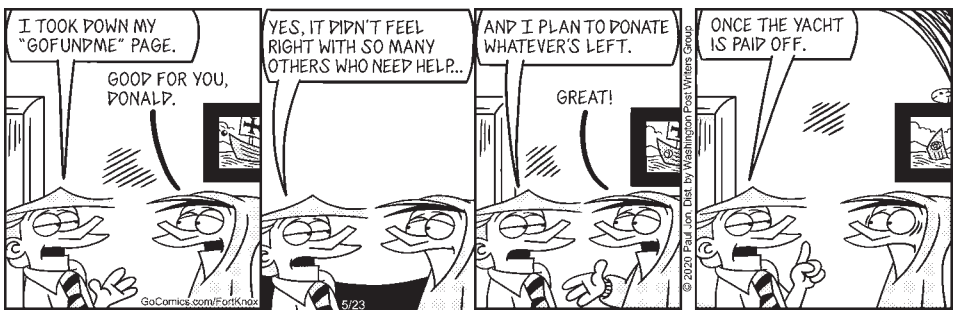


DILBERT

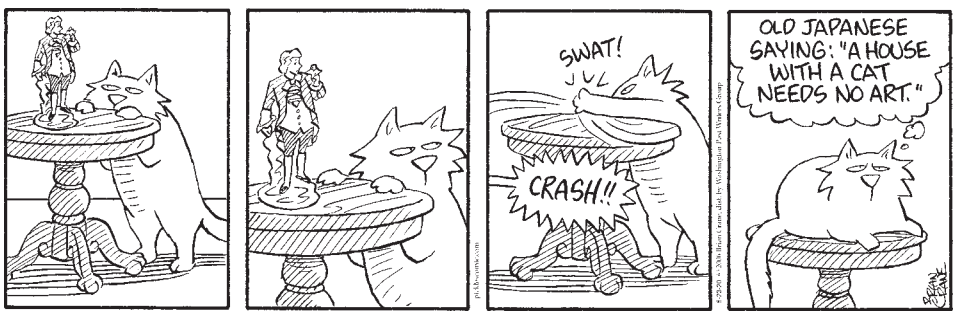
SCIENTISTS SAY OUR SMARTPHONES CAN SPREAD THE CORONAVIRUS.
THAT'S WHY I NO LONGER ANSWER THE PHONE. YOU NEVER KNOW IF THE CALLER IS INFECTED.
I DON'T THINK...
LET IT GO.

GARFIELD

FORT KNOX


I TOOK DOWN MY "GOFUNDME" PAGE.
GOOD FOR YOU, DONALD.
YES, IT DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT WITH SO MANY OTHERS WHO NEED HELP...
AND I PLAN TO DONATE WHATEVER'S LEFT.
GREAT!
ONCE THE YACHT IS PAID OFF.

PICKLES



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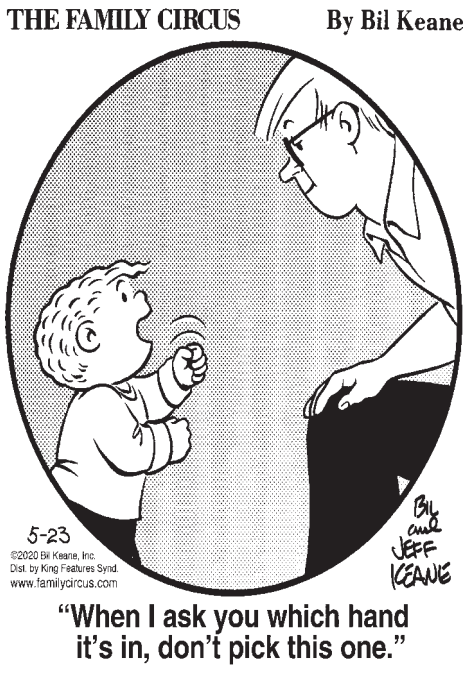
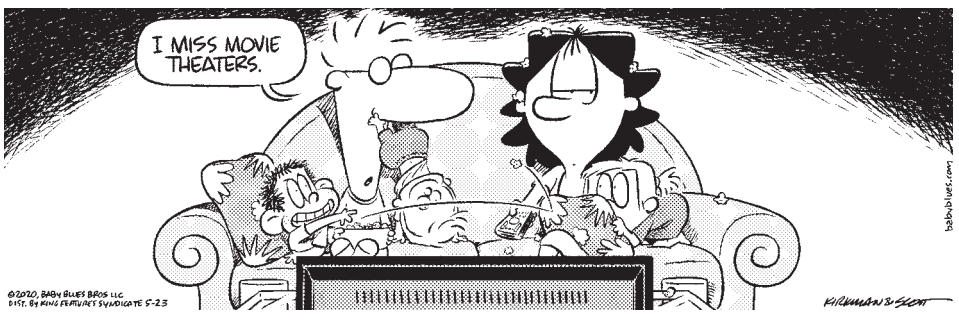


"When I ask you which hand it's in, don't pick this one."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DID YOU EAT ALL OF THE BROWNIES?" "YOU ALWAYS SAY TO *FINISH* WHAT YOU START."

BABY BLUES



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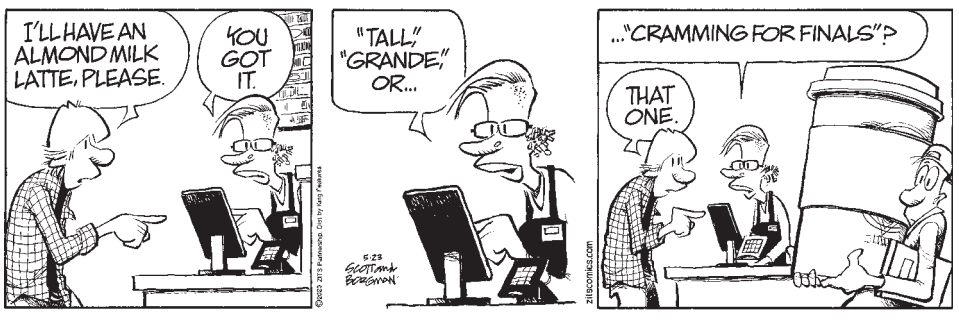
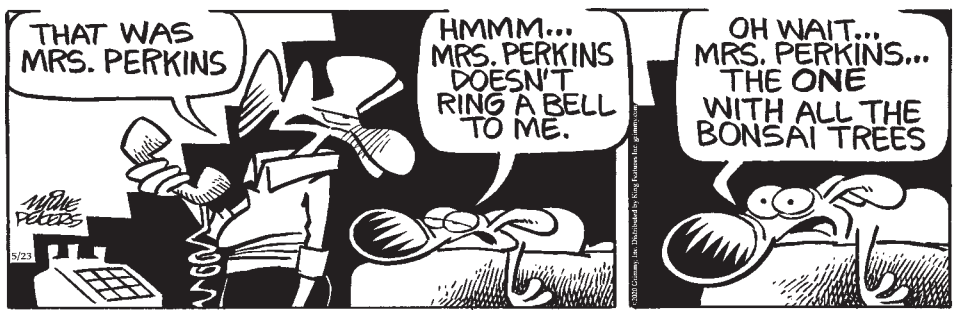


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



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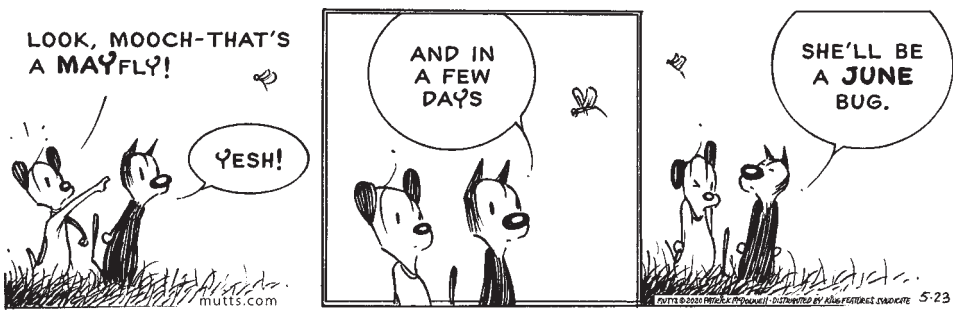

SALLY FORTH

HEY, SALLY. YOU FREE TO TALK?
SURE.
I JUST FINISHED MARATHONING EVERY SINGLE EPISODE OF "STARLEE AND THE MOONBEAMS"!
I...I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO FOLLOW UP THAT REMARK.
I THINK I FORGOT TO EAT BETWEEN SEASONS THREE AND FOUR.
5-23

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DRIVE FORWARD

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2019 RAM 5500 PLATFORM STAKE BED 4X4 DEMO

BRIGHT WHITE, 16 FOOT FLATBED BODY, 6.7 CUMMINS DIESEL, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, AISIN HEAVE DUTY TRANSMISSION, STAKES, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY, ELECTRONIC SHIFT ON THE FLY TRANSFER CASE, AND MUCH MORE! C19319

MSRP	$57,335
ADD FOR PLATFORM/STAKE BODY	+ 9,623
SUBTOTAL	$66,958
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 5,963
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$59,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $58,995

(*MUST QUALILFY)

2020 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SPORT 4X4

STING-GRAY, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, 8 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20013

MSRP	$41,575
EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 3,225
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL	$38,350
CHRYSLER CAPITAL RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$36,850
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $36,350

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

HYDRO BLUE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20043

LEASE FOR $289/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $2,900 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 05/31/20

2020 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, FULL SUNROOF, LEATHER INTERIOR, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, AND MUCH MORE! C20115

LEASE FOR $259/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $2,750 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 05/31/20

2019 DODGE CHALLENGER SXT

TRIPLE NICKEL CLEARCOAT, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 20 INCH WHEELS, HEATED FRONT SEATS, AND MUCH MORE! C19299

LEASE FOR $329/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $2,900 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 05/31/20

2020 JEEP GLADIATOR OVERLAND 4X4 DEMO

BRIGHT WHITE, LEATHER SEATS, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, DUAL TOP GROUP, ROLL-UP TONNEAU COVER, REAR SLIDING WINDOW, NAVIGATION, LED LIGHTING GROUP, PARK SENSE REAR PARK ASSIST, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! C20009

MSRP	$53,500
EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 5,377
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL	$48,123
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 1,628
GREAT LAKES BONUS CASH	- 1,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$44,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $44,495

(*MUST QUALILFY)

2020 JEEP RENEGADE LIMITED 4X4

ALPINE WHITE, LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, 1.3 TURBO ENGINE, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, POWER SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! C20179

LEASE FOR $199/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,225 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 05/31/20

2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB BIG HORN 4X4

BILLET SILVER, 5.7 HEMI V8 ENGINE, 9 AMPLIFIED SPEAKERS, 20 INCH ALUMINUM CHROME CLAD WHEELS, BUCKET SEATS, HEATED FRONT SEATS, POWER SEAT, REMOTE START, PARK SENSE FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, NAVIGATION, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 12 INCH TOUCH SCREEN, AND MUCH MORE! C20032

MSRP	$53,305
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,810
REBATE	- 2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 2,000
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
ENGINE RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,000
GREAT LAKES ENGINE BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$42,495
MILITARY BONUS CASH*	- 500
GREAT LAKES CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $41,495

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2019 FORD F-150 RAPTOR SUPERCREW 4X4

RUBY RED METALLIC, LEATHER SEATS, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, INTEGRATED BRAKE CONTROLLER, LED BOX LIGHTING, REMOTE START, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, NAVIGATION, TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, HEATED SEATS, AND MUCH MORE! F19125

MSRP	$68,715
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 6,720

SALE PRICE* $61,995

2019 FORD F-250 CREW CAB 4X4 KING RANCH

AGATE BLACK, LOCKING REAR AXLE, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, POWER TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, QUAD BEAM LED HEADLAMPS, BLIND SPOT INFO SYSTEM, TAILGATE STEP, 20 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL WITH COLLISION WARNING, AND MUCH MORE! F19385

MSRP	$66,670
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,925
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 750
FORD F-SERIES CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD BUILT TO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT RETAIL CASH*	- 2,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750

SALE PRICE* $58,245

(*MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

2019 FORD MUSTANG

NEED FOR GREEN, 2.3 ECOBOOST ENGINE, 10-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, OVER-THE-TOP RACING STRIPE, 18 INCH LOW GLOSS BLACK ALUMINUM WHEELS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! F19280

MSRP	$29,855
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,660
FORD MUSTANG RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,000
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD BUILT TO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT BONUS CASH*	- 1,500

SALE PRICE* $23,945

(*MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB 4X4

BLUE JEANS, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, FORD PASS CONNECT, LOCKING REAR AXLE, TRAILER HITCH, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, AND MUCH MORE! F20050

MSRP	$40,330
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,081
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 250
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,000
FORD BULT TO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT BONUS CASH*	- 2,000

SALE PRICE* $32,499

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2020 FORD EDGE SEL ALL WHEEL DRIVE

MAGNETIC METALLIC, ACTIVEX SEAT MATERIAL, 2.0 ECOBOOST ENGINE, FORD PASS CONNECT, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, BLIND SPOT INFO, AND MUCH MORE! F20097

LEASE FOR $335 PER MONTH WITHOUT FORD LEASE RENEWAL OR LEASE FOR $199 PER MONTH WITH FORD LEASE RENEWAL*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,700 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, * MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 05/31/20

2020 FORD FUSION SE

ICONIC SILVER, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, VOICE ACTIVATED NAVIGATION, POWER SEAT, FORD CO-PILOT 360, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, TOUCH SCREEN, AND MUCH MORE! F20089

LEASE FOR $169 PER MONTH*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $2,500 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 05/31/20

2020 FORD ESCAPE SEL ALL WHEEL DRIVE

VELOCITY BLUE METALLIC, ACTIVEX SEATING MATERIAL, 2.0 ECOBOOST ENGINE, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, 19 INCH MACHINED ALUMINUM WHEELS, FORD CO-PILOT 360 ASSIST, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, VOICE ACTIVATED NAVIGATION, HANDS FREE LIFT GATE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, REAR VIEW CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! F20076

LEASE FOR $229 PER MONTH*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,400 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 05/31/20

2020 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4WD

STAR WHITE METALLIC TRI-COAT, HANDS FREE LIFT GATE, 3.0 ECOBOOST V6 ENGINE, 20 INCH BRIGHT MACHINE FACE ALUMINUM WHEELS, 14 SPEAKERS, 10 INCH TOUCH SCREEN, TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, FIRST AND 2ND ROW HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, POWERFOLD THIRD SEAT, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, ACTIVE PARK ASSIST, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, NAVIGATION, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! F20040

LEASE FOR $499 PER MONTH*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $4,200 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 05/31/20

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2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 64K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, 25th Anniversary Package, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Group, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20041

WAS $26,815 NOW $25,869

2017 BMW 430I XDRIVE GRAN COUPE AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 20K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! White F20049A

WAS $31,996 NOW $26,475

2011 FORD F-350 XLT CREW CAB 4X4 WITH SNOW PLOW

6.7 V8 DIESEL EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 60K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, SYNC, CD-Player, The Boss Snow Plow, Car Smart Checked! Sterling Gray F19236A

WAS $35,750 NOW $29,332

2012 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT

3.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 156K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Quad Seating, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black U20026A

WAS $8,650 NOW $7,847

2019 MAZDA 3 SELECT

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Skyactiv Automatic, Alloy Wheels, Only 3K Miles! Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitoring, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Lane Keep Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! Snowflake Whi S19025

WAS $20,995 NOW $19,995

2016 MAZDA CX-5 TOURING AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 47K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Bose Sound System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! Soul Red S20005

NOW $18,995

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 71K Miles, Remote Start, Power Front Seats, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue F19415A

NOW $18,999

2017 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bar, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Blind Spot Monitoring with Trailer Tow Monitoring, Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ingot Silver C20089A

WAS $37,243 NOW $34,657

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 34K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Monitoring, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U19219

WAS $22,953 NOW $20,712

2018 DODGE CHARGER GT AWD

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Dodge Certified! Granite U20050

NOW $25,442

2019 FORD F-250 SRW CREW CAB 4X4 WITH PLOW

6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Cast Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Fiberglass Bed Cap, Running Boards, SYNC, Snow Plow Package, STX Appearance Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic C20075A

NOW $41,975

2015 RAM 1500 SLT OUTDOORSMAN ECO DIESEL CREW CAB 4X4

3.0 V6 Turbo DIESEL EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Semi-Gloss Black Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright Silver C19274A

NOW $25,790

2014 CADILLAC SRX 4 LUXURY COLLECTION AWD

3.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 108K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White F19485C

NOW $14,995

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitoring, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans U20059

NOW $28,994

2017 MAZDA CX-5 GT AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 81K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Machine Gray M19186A

WAS $20,675 NOW $19,995

2017 HONDA CIVIC EX

1.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray C20042A

WAS $18,395 NOW $17,513

2017 JEEP PATRIOT HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black U20043

WAS $16,994 NOW $15,899

2017 RAM 1500 SLT BIG HORN CREW CAB

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Remote Start, Spray-In Bedliner, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, Ram Certified! Bright Silver U19242

WAS $29,201 NOW $27,827

2014 AUDI A6 PREMIUM PLUS AWD

2.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black U18194A

NOW $14,743

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 11K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Red C20111A

WAS $29,653 NOW $26,232

2016 BUICK ENCORE AWD

1.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chromed Aluminum Wheels, 47K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Carbon Black U20057

NOW $17,969

2016 HONDA HR-V EXL AWD

1.8 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 85K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Blue M20017A

NOW $14,995

2017 FORD F-150 STX SUPERCREW 4X4

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, SYNC 3, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic U20001

WAS $31,764 NOW $31,201

2016 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.6 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 31K Miles, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Power Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitoring, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20000

WAS $37,909 NOW $36,299

2016 GMC YUKON SLE 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 82K Miles, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite C19262A

WAS $28,947 NOW $28,260

2017 RAM 1500 ST EXPRESS QUAD CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 33K Miles, 5.0 Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Bright White U20046

WAS $25,819 NOW $24,287

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Satin Silver Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Adaptive Cruise Control, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Jeep Advanced Active Safety Group, Lane Departure Alert, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White C20135A

NOW $29,839

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 40K Wheels, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Twin Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Monitoring, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20015

WAS $28,999 NOW $27,403

2017 LINCOLN MKZ RESERVE AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Panoramic Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Jade Green U20019

WAS $22,692 NOW $21,595

2017 RAM 1500 ST EXPRESS CREW CAB 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Chrome Clad Wheels, 22K Miles, Anti-Spin Differential Rear Axle, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Delmonico Red F19489A

NOW $25,995

2016 MAZDA CX-5 GT AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 38K Miles, Navigation, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Driver's Seat, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! White S20003

WAS $21,995 NOW $21,500

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Alumipum Wheels, 43K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitoring, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20025

WAS $27,996 NOW $26,632

2018 CHEVY TRAX LS AWD

1.4 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Silver C19329C

WAS $15,994 NOW $15,494

2015 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Leather Heated Seating, 6.5 Touchscreen Display, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Copper C19150A

WAS $27,997 NOW $26,568

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Satin Silver Aluminum Wheels, 38K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Group IV, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red U20030

WAS $28,979 NOW $26,889

2014 FORD F-150 STX SUPERCAB 4X4

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, SYNC, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Black Vinyl Floor Covering, Remote Keyless Entry System, Sunset Metallic U20032

WAS $18,876 NOW $17,930

2014 CHEVY CAMARO LT

3.6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 62K Miles, Remote Start, Power Seating, Power Moon Roof, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Red U20049

NOW $16,511

2015 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO LT CREW CAB 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 61K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray U20033

WAS $26,981 NOW $26,511

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist with Stop, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20036

WAS $27,913 NOW $26,870

2016 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT SE

1.8 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 84K Miles, Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black C20102A

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The summer of possibilities

On Monday, I finished watching the final two episodes of ESPN's 10-part Chicago Bulls documentary, "The Last Dance."

The miniseries, which aired the past five Sundays, was supposed to premiere in June. But with every major sporting event canceled, and hours of airtime to fill, ESPN and co-producer Netflix pushed the documentary forward into April and May.

Andy Steinke

The final two episodes averaged 5.9 million viewers, according to Nielsen, making it ESPN's highest-rated documentary ever.

I suspect two reasons for its popularity: it was new sports content in a sports-deprived world, and it was entertaining.

The results of the games were known, but the documentary capitalized on the absence of live sports. Apart from a few UFC fight nights, a NASCAR race and Korean baseball, live sports have been nonexistent the past two months.

The documentary was also popular for its entertainment factor. It featured never-before-seen footage about the 1998 Bulls and one-on-one interviews with everyone from Michael Jordan to "former Chicago resident" Barack Obama.

But now that it's over, I'm left to wonder, what will entertain me now? And maybe you've thought the same thing as you've cleaned out your Netflix queue.

As we mark the unofficial start to summer this Memorial Day weekend, it would be easier to list the summer events that haven't been canceled than the ones that have been.

There will be no Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff, no Fourth of July fireworks, no Chalk the Block, no BBQ, Blues and Bluegrass (until October), no Mike Yore Memorial Car Show, no Cherry Festival (or Glad-Peach) and possibly no youth sports or county fairs.

It could make for a very depressing summer, especially if there's a second wave of COVID-19 cases.

But what if, instead of looking at it as a summer lost, we look at it as a summer found?

So there are no concerts to go to. Learn to play an instrument, and make your own music. The School of American Music, for one, is offering virtual lessons now.

There's no Chalk the Block? Buy your own, and write a supportive message to frontline workers at the end of your driveway.

Your favorite barbecue festival is canceled? Buy a grill, and learn to smoke your own meat.

The possibilities this summer are endless: Learn to grow your own vegetables, rebuild the deck, hold a family cherry pit spit competition, or finally get on top of that New Year's resolution and start exercising.

Tackle that stack of books you've been meaning to read. Clean the pictures off your phone, and make some family photo albums. Teach your dog new tricks.

And when you think you have nothing left to do – or before – volunteer your time to help others. The United Way has plenty of opportunities available for all ages.

As the old saying goes, when life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

Don't bemoan the things you can't do. Instead, open your mind and imagine all the things you now have time for.

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Author Jessica Pennington has released her latest young adult novel, "Meet Me At Midnight," which is available at Forever Books in St. Joseph.

'A fun, summer escape read'

St. Joseph author Jessica Pennington releases her third young adult novel

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Author Jessica Pennington has written three books: "Love Songs & Other Lies," "When Summer Ends" and "Meet Me At Midnight."

ST. JOSEPH — Releasing a new book during a pandemic is not something St. Joseph author Jessica Pennington ever expected.

"Usually I have book festivals and things scheduled around the time of book launch," she said. "I had an event in Chicago I was supposed to do and one in Ann Arbor. Usually I'm going around to bookstores, too, and doing a lot. I couldn't do any with this one. So it's been strange."

Pennington just released her third book, "Meet Me at Midnight," a young adult novel that she describes as a romantic comedy.

It, along with her first two novels, "Love Songs & Other Lies" and "When Summer Ends," are all on sale locally at Forever Books (www.foreverbooks.net).

Pennington said the journey from her first book to her most recent has been a cool experience. She became an author unintentionally.

"I always enjoyed writing, but I never tried fiction until 2014," she said. "I owned a wedding planning business locally, and did about 40 events a summer."

She said she was working more than 60 hours a week and needed a hobby to force her to take breaks.

"There's a writing center in Chicago, and they do different intensives, so I took this intro to fiction class," she said. "I took the train in – an hour and a half there, an hour and a half back, and three hours in class – it forced me to take an entire day off once a week."

Pennington said as she took the course, she began to write a book.

"Then it was just a compilation of 'I wonder if.' I wonder if I could write a book? I wonder if I could get an agent? I wonder if we can sell it? It was all just an experiment for the first one," she said.

She wondered correctly, because she got an agent, and a book deal.

When "Love Songs & Other Lies" came out in April 2018, she was already starting on her second book.

"The idea in publishing, at least with young adult, is a book a year after the first one. That's like the marketing ideal," Pennington said. "The second and third books, it was like writing in a matter of months. I wrote each in less than six months, but the bulk of the writing happened in a three-month period."

She said that quick turn-around time was the biggest change from her first book to now.

"It was fast and intense going from one book to the next; turning in edits for one book and turning around and drafting right away for the next one," Pennington said.

But she said, she hasn't run out of ideas yet, pulling many from her own life experiences.

"Meet Me at Midnight" is set in a fictionalized town based on one her family used to vacation at each summer near Sleeping Bear Dunes.

"In real life, it was my aunt, uncle and cousin in the other lake house next to ours," Pennington said. "In the book, they go up with family friends, and have teens the same age in the two houses, which offers a lot more excitement."

She said all her books are summery and based in fictionalized Michigan beach towns, with the first giving off a Weko Beach vibe, and the second including descriptions of the bluff in St. Joseph.

In "Meet Me at Midnight," the two families get kicked out of their lake houses, just like what happened to Pennington and her family one summer.

"When I'm writing, I'm always thinking about, like, what would be a more interesting way to get kicked out?" she said.

Mixing her life experiences with young adult fiction just worked for her.

"I've always been a young adult reader," she said. "For me, and for anyone, that time in your life is very vivid in your mind. I can listen to songs from the late '90s and that just takes me immediately back to specific instances."

Pennington said she really likes the topics and tone in young adult books.

"There's this hallmark of hope, even in dark stories. My stories aren't dark, but there's always that idea of hope and finding yourself," she said. "I really gravitate toward coming-of age-type stories and romance. All of my books include a romance."

Once she has those base ideas down, she starts writing scenes.

"I have critic partners, other authors that I work with. We come up with ideas and exchange edits," Pennington said. "It's always sort of a strange organic process of knowing where the story is going to go, but as you write, you're getting to know the characters, and a lot of time they lead you in different directions."

She said the two teen characters in "Meet Me at Midnight," Sidney and Asher, turned into being a little combative with each other.

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Be sure to 'Make Your Mark' during Older Americans Month

Each May, we celebrate Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Make Your Mark," is apt for our times.

Christine Vanlandingham
Generations

Older Americans Month was first celebrated in 1965, after the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) was signed into law. The OAA set the foundation for a national network of local Area Agencies on Aging to plan and develop a network of services to help older adults live independently in their communities.

Fifty-five years later, that nationwide system of local organizations, services and programs continue to evolve and work together to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's older adults. That work has never been more important than now in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Older adults are the demographic most devastated by the pandemic. In Michigan, 88 percent of deaths attributed to COVID-19 are older Michiganders.

Seniors suffering from the effects of the illness and/or the limiting effects of the stay-at-home order need a coordinated system of services more than ever.

Area Agency on Aging and its network of service providers are here to help.

If you or an older loved one needs support as a result of the pandemic – or just in response to general issues of age or disability – call 800-654-2810.

Older adults are not just "in need." They're also stepping up to help their communities. Some are volunteering to make "friendly calls" to their peers to alleviate the impact of social isolation. They're sewing masks, learning technology tools to connect with others and more.

They're heeding the advice of the federal Administration for Community Living (ACL) and leaning into the theme of this year's Older Americans Month (OAM) by making their mark in this difficult time.

Locally, OAM 2020 is turning out very differently than expected. Instead of gathering to show our love and respect for older adults in our community at events such as the Senior Expo at The Mendel Center or Older Michiganians Day at the state Capitol, we're staying apart.

See **GENERATIONS**, page D2

PET OF THE WEEK

Clark is a charming 6-pound toy poodle. He has a sweet personality and loves to play ball. A former stud, he's now neutered. Clark does well with cats and other dogs, but he'd be happiest as an only dog. He is current on vaccines and is microchipped. For more info, or to adopt him, contact Paws of Hope at 340-0272 or paws4ever2012@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS

Health care heroes

PACE of Southwest Michigan is looking for medically trained volunteers to help support their staff and clients during the COVID-19 crisis. PACE is looking for a volunteer nurse and nursing assistant.

The nurse will provide direct and indirect nursing care to participants in the PACE Center and in the community.

The nursing assistant will perform participant care activities and other tasks as assigned to assist the primary care, therapy and adult day health staff.

PACE is looking for candidates who are interested in home care, and has permanent openings for this position if someone is interested in staying with PACE.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Face masks for front-line workers

In partnership with the Emergency Operations Center, United Way of Southwest Michigan is collecting homemade face masks to distribute to front-line workers and volunteers at area agencies and organizations.

Agencies such as homeless shelters, Meals on Wheels, and many others are still working with their clients every day.

They need masks to help protect their staffs, volunteers and clients.

To find donation locations and times, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help ease worry

Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan is working with area seniors to fill many needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meals on Wheels is seeking donation of hygiene items that can be included in deliveries to seniors. Those items include full-size shampoo, full-size toothpaste, toothbrush, and notes of encouragement and cheer.

For more information, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Turn compassion into action

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers for several opportunities, such as a Disaster Action Team members, who provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing.

The American Red Cross also is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien and Cass counties.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Make a difference for a child

A court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer advocates in the community and courtroom for the best interests of foster children in Berrien County.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, CASA volunteers are needed more than ever so kids don't feel alone, and so they know they have a consistent, caring adult in the system looking out for them.

All work during the pandemic is being conducted remotely and safely, including training.

Volunteers must be at least 21 and pass a background check.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, has canceled all face-to-face activities until Michigan's stay-at-home order has been lifted. Worship services can be found online at www.stjohnsbaroda.com.

Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive, Benton Harbor, is currently livestreaming services on its YouTube page due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has canceled all upcoming face-to-face services and activities. The church will continue to hold online services on its Facebook and YouTube pages. For more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

All activities at **The Old Rugged Cross Church**, 61041 Vermont St., Pokagon, are canceled until further notice. There will be no hymn sings, concerts, dedication or tours until the state's stay-at-home order is lifted and it is once again safe for groups to gather. For more information, visit www.the-oldruggedcross.org.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, continues to hold 10 a.m. Sunday services on its Facebook page. This week, pastor Adam Bohland will begin a new series, "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope." He will speak on "An Age of High Anxiety."

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday as a public service. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown. Pictures can be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; fax to 429-4398 or email to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

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United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

Looking back on God's presence in my life

David Stout
Insights

I just turned 65, which means two things. One, I can now officially call myself a geezer – a lifelong goal. Two, I'm at a natural point to look back at some of the events that have shaped my life, and there is one that stands out.

When I was in high school, I attended a prayer meeting in my best friend's basement along with several other guys. That high school boys would voluntarily get together for prayer is a story in itself, though this was during the Jesus movement of the late '60s and early '70s.

The main story here is that, during that meeting, a moment came when all of us felt the presence of God in an almost tangible way. All of us fell on our faces at the realization that we were not alone and that we were in the presence of someone whose power and majesty were far beyond anything any of us could have described.

For a few brief moments all of us knew that God was there.

Never before, or since, have I experienced anything close to that encounter. I have no explanation for why it happened then.

I have certainly been in many more promising settings for encountering God, ranging from the contemplative to the charismatic. There was no music, no preacher and the setting was hardly conducive to religious activity.

It was just your average basement that my friend and I used to hang out in from time to time, especially if we wanted to play some records. (His parents were not always appreciative of Black Sabbath or The Rolling Stones.)

What makes it even stranger is the fact that I wasn't seeking such an experience, much less expecting it. I'm also not the least bit mystical. In fact, I'm much more on the rational, empirical side.

There was nothing ginned up about it, it wasn't delusional, and there wasn't anything "out of body" about it. It was just real. In other words, this experience shouldn't have happened, but it most definitely did.

Sadly, I also remember another incident, when I was in my 30s, in which I prayed and prayed with great intensity for my beloved Aunt Barbara, but to no avail. She passed away in her early 60s from a rare disease.

The realization that I'm now older than she was when she died puts her death in an even more sobering light than it did 30 years ago. And I have no explanation for this experience either.

So here is the great mystery (or frustration) of prayer. In one case I received something I didn't ask for, and in the other I didn't get what I desperately sought. So what do I do with these inexplicable occurrences?

First, when I am tempted to doubt God's existence, the memory of that experience brings that line of reasoning up short. I always have to deal with it whenever I approach the subject of God's existence.

Second, I have to keep the two experiences in tension. I can't ignore either one. I have to consider my aunt's passing in the light of my experience of God's presence and vice versa. This means I cannot give in to despair on the one hand or do the "Everything will be fine if you just believe," routine on the other.

Third, the two experiences, while both very deep, are nevertheless not equal. I can't help but reflect on the nature of the one whose presence I encountered. It wasn't warm and fuzzy in the least. I'm not sure that I would even call it loving, though it was certainly not in any way malevolent. Instead it was overwhelmingly awe inspiring.

"Holy," in the biblical sense, is probably the best word to describe it. I can, in some small measure, relate to what Isaiah felt in his vision recounted in Isaiah 6:1-8. This in turn makes it easy for me to accept the various biblical passages that speak of the fear of the Lord or the need to tell people, "Fear not."

Because of this, I know that God is more than capable of overcoming all the heartbreak and evil in my life and in the world. I know that Aunt Barbara is in the arms of one whose power is infinitely beyond anyone or anything else, death included.

In the end, it is the experience of God's undeniable presence that overcomes the experience of God's apparent absence.

It's taken me 65 years to learn this, but sometimes the really important lessons in life take a while.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. David Stout, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ and Riverview Park Christian Church, both in St. Joseph. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

WEDDINGS

Whitmore Rasbach

Abigail Whitmore and Jonathan Rasbach were married March 28, 2020, in Orem, Utah. Pastor David Nicholson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Kristi Whitmore of Reeds, Mo. The groom is the son of Dennis and Ellen Rasbach of St. Joseph.

Noreen Lemon was matron of honor. Justin Allen was best man.

The bride is a graduate of Hillcrest High School in Springfield, Mo. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Evangel University in Springfield. She is campus minister with Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

The groom is a graduate of Lakeshore High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Cedarville University and an associate degree in outdoor recreation from Central Wyoming College.

He is pursuing a master's degree in professional counseling at Liberty University. He is a special education teacher and academic adviser in Provo, Utah.

Abdelnour Siemans

Gianna Nicole Abdelnour and Michael Jon Siemans were married Nov. 16, 2019, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph. Father George Shalhoub of the Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia, Mich., officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Sam and Anna Abdelnour of St. Joseph. The groom is the son of Eric and Cathy Siemans of St. Joseph.

Ashley McCann and Kady Williams were matrons of honor. Charlotte Williams was flower girl.

Matt Siemans and Marty Siemens were best men. Sam and Jake McCann were ring bearers.

A reception was held at The Inn at Harbor Shores in St. Joseph.

Following a wedding trip to Playa Mujeres, Mexico, they are living in Melbourne, Fla.

The bride is a graduate of St. Joseph High School and earned an associate degree in hospitality and tourism management from Lake Michigan College. She is a designer at Viera Builders in Viera, Fla.

The groom is a graduate of St. Joseph High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. He is a market manager at Whirlpool Corp., in Melbourne, Fla.

GENERATIONS

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Even though we're apart physically, we can connect and support each other. We can still make our mark on each other's lives. It's important for both our physical and mental well-being.

Social isolation and loneliness are known risk factors for physical and mental health issues, especially among older adults, though isolation can have a devastating effect on mental health for all ages.

The opposite of isolation is connection. Telephone and video chat are two great ways we can connect with each other. Another way to connect is through sharing stories.

The stories my parents and grandparents told me definitely made their mark on me. They taught me about resilience, and instilled a sense of duty, service, faith and the dignity of all that inspires my life and work still today.

You have the opportunity to make your mark through connection, support and the power of story in several ways this Older Americans Month and beyond.

■ The ACL has great suggestions for connecting with others through stories, along with general resources for engaging virtually – to socialize, explore and unwind, and to look out for each other. Those resources can be found at bit.ly/OAMconnect.

■ Join a "Community Conversation on Aging." The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services is looking for feedback on what it's like to be an older adult living in Southwest Michigan. They want to learn about the needs and gaps in programs and services to better support the health and well-being of local seniors. Your input will help shape Michigan's future. The call is on Tuesday, and registration is required. Register by calling 517-241-4100.

■ Volunteer to be a "Friendly Caller," and make calls to isolated seniors. Call 983-7058 to learn more. Or find another volunteer opportunity that fits your interests. There's a broad list of local opportunities at volunteer.uwsm.org.

■ Share your story of how the pandemic has impacted you and/or an older loved one or how you've "Made Your Mark" during this time. There's a link at areaagencyonaging.org where you can share your story. We'll use those stories to inspire others as well as to shape future program development and help public policymakers know what older adults need to thrive.

Whether it's sharing your personal story, joining a virtual community conversation, volunteering or finding other ways to have impact, I encourage you to make your mark by reaching out, connecting in some way with family, friends, neighbors or other community members.

Because in staying apart, we need connection – and each other.

Christine Vanlandingham is chief operating officer of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

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HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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This farmhouse design greets visitors with style and renders a classic facade with a splash of modern. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Fresh and sleek details

This modern farmhouse plan feels fresh and sleek with abundant windows and two eye-catching gables. Inside, the line of sight is clear from the foyer through the great room, all the way to the spacious rear deck.

Host relaxed parties at the kitchen's large island. A dining room next to the foyer is perfect for formal occasions. The master suite boasts a huge walk-in closet for extra convenience.

To build this home, order a complete set of construction documents by calling 866-228-0193 or visit www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week. Enter the design number to locate the plan and view more images and details.

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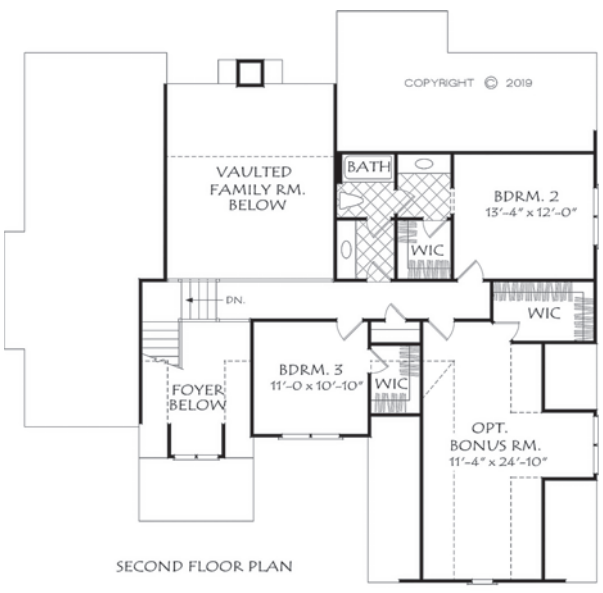


Design number: 927-1003	**Baths:** 3	**Bonus space:** 381 square feet
Bedrooms: 4	**Framing:** 2-by-4	**Dimensions:** 57-feet by 62-feet
	Square footage: 2,398	

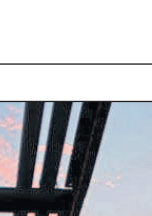
Photo provided

Audrey Blough's photograph of the St. Joseph Lighthouse at sunset was chosen as the winner of this year's 6th District Congressional Art Competition.

Blough's picture wins competition

STEVENSVILLE — The winner of this year's 6th District Congressional Art Competition was Audrey Blough, a junior at Lakeshore High School. She submitted a photo of the St. Joseph Lighthouse at sunset.

"Once again the Congressional Art Competition highlighted all of the creative and talented students here in Southwest Michigan," U.S. Rep. Fred Upton said in a release. "Audrey's piece is remarkable, and we are all so proud that her art will now represent our community as it hangs in our nation's Capitol building for the next year. She clearly has an extraordinary skill set and a bright future.



BLOUGH

"I would like to thank everyone who submitted a piece in the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' 2020 High School Area Show, which has hosted the Congressional Art Competition for seven years," Upton said.

The Congressional Art Competition reception in Washington, D.C., is set for July 22.

Blough is an AP Studio Art student at Lakeshore with an already extensive background in photography. She hopes to pursue photojournalism as a career.

Initiated by the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982, the Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide annual art competition that allows high school students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories to showcase their artistic ability.

The winning piece of art from each Congressional district is displayed during a year-long exhibit in the Cannon tunnel that leads into the U.S. Capitol.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Purdue Club announces scholarship recipients

The Purdue Club of Southwest Michigan has announced the recipients of its 2020 scholarship program: Madison Bird, Abigail Hickok, Matthew Keppler and Veda Gourlay.

Bird is a 2019 graduate of Mattawan High School. She is pursuing a degree in chemical engineering and Spanish.

Hickok is graduating this spring from Buchanan High School. She plans to pursue a degree in health and human science, and ultimately attend medical school.

Keppler will be sophomore at Purdue University, and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. He is a Lakeshore High School graduate.

Gourley will be a sophomore at Purdue, pursuing her bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology. She also is a Lakeshore grad.

During the last 15 years, the Purdue Club's scholarship program has offered more than $70,000 is scholarships to students from Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties who are attending Purdue University.

Scholarship funds are made possible through the support of Purdue alumni from the three counties.

IN BRIEF

Federal employees meeting canceled

Southwest Michigan Chapter 572 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will not meet on Tuesday due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, contact Jean Rowe at 782-2769 or jeanrowe70@comcast.net.

Fire dept. pancake breakfast canceled

DOWAGIAC — The Indian Lake Volunteer Fire Department will not host a pancake breakfast on Sunday due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, contact Carol Goodell at 782-5673 or Jean Rowe at 782-2769.

Benton Harbor library offers update

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor Public Library now is allowing Benton Harbor and Benton Township residents to apply for library cards online at bentonharborlibrary.com.

E-books, audiobooks and movies can be checked out through Overdrive, and a large selection of videos may be accessed through Kanopy. Cypress Resume can help patrons create professional resumes, and A-Z World Recipes offers thousands of recipes.

The sites can all be accessed through the library's website.

An online summer reading program for all ages will begin in mid-June.

Charms makes annual donation

Recently, the members of Charms Inc. selected their annual local project awardee.

Under its civic efforts each year, Charms contributes to a local cause. This year's recipient, Emergency Shelter Services, received $1,000 to help meet its financial needs.

The award is usually presented at the Charms High Tea in May.

However, due to current social distancing measures, other arrangements were made.

AUTHOR

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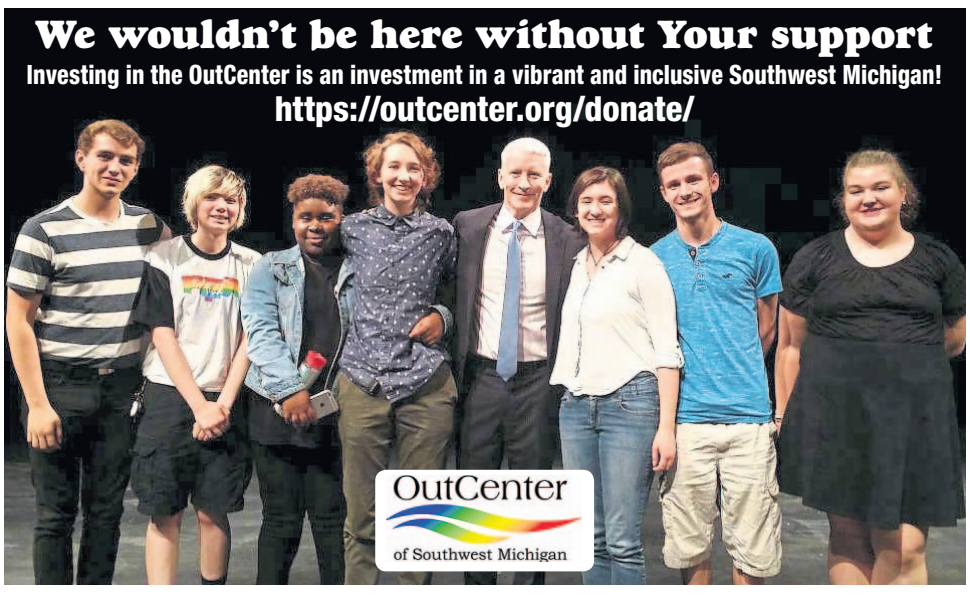
"It's like one of those hate-to-love stories or rival-to-love," she said. "It's very snarky and funny. They really dig into each other's past, and all the little things they've picked up on each other. It's fun."

Pennington said she hopes the folks who read it can escape into it, like she did into writing.

"It's a romantic comedy, unlike my first two books, which are more like romantic dramas," she said. "This one is definitely a fun, summer escape read."

Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman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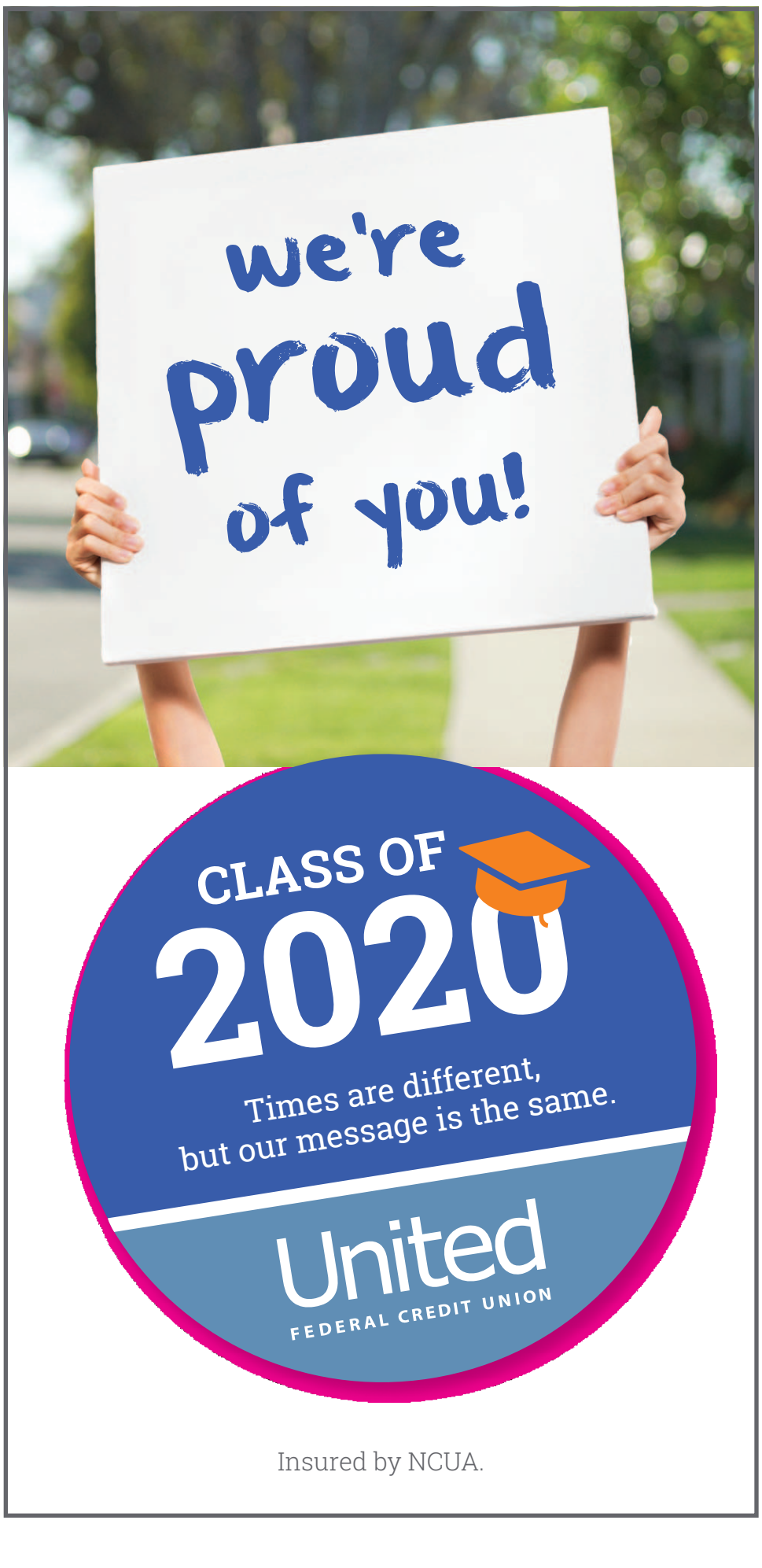

hp OUTDOORS

Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Photo provided / Kirsten Vanderberg

Two adult bald eagles at nest May 2 at the former Berrien Hills Golf Club in St. Joseph Township. The photo was taken from Golf View Road.

Bald eagles nest along river

Two bald eagles are nesting near the banks of the St. Joseph River, at Berrien Hills Golf Course in St. Joseph Township.

The two adults and nest were photographed on May 8 by Kirsten Vanderberg of St. Joseph. Vanderberg was able to view the nest from Gold View Road.

The eagles in Vanderberg's photo are a pair bond for life and will likely reuse the nesting site for years, building a new nest atop the old one.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Bald eagles lay two eggs on average on the massive nest made out of branches, sticks, and other plant material. It is lined with moss, old corn stalks, animal hair, feathers and other materials.

In Michigan, young eaglets have been found in nests from April through July. The young eagles of 2020 will stay with the parents until fall, then go out on their own. The young eagles will not acquire white heads and tails until four years have passed.

This year is the second year in a row in which eagles have nested at this site. There are now four or five known bald eagle nests in Berrien County, but this is the most visible. The other nests are located in remote locations along the St. Joseph and Paw Paw Rivers.

I have been told that the eagle nest can be viewed from the south end of Golf View Road. I would strongly encourage those who wish to view the nest to respect private property, and keep your distance from the eagle nest.

While bald eagles are not an endangered species, they are still protected by law. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service states on its website: "Bald and golden eagles are still protected by multiple federal laws, such as the Eagle Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Lacey Act, and other state and municipal protections. Eagles, their feathers and parts, nests, nest trees, and winter/nighttime roosts are all protected by federal laws."

Photo provided / David Ferris

Perhaps the most colorful of the North American songbirds is the male painted bunting, of which one was seen May 3-6 at the feeders of David Ferris of Coloma.

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Other notable sightings

The male painted bunting truly looks as if it was designed by an artist with its red underside, green back, and blue head. One of these colorful songbirds turned up at the feeders of David Ferris, of Coloma, from May 3-6, seen by dozens of birdwatchers from at least three states.

The range of the painted bunting during the breeding season is Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, east to Arkansas and Louisiana, and another disjunct population in coastal South Carolina south along the Atlantic Coast to central Florida.

This painted bunting represents the fourth record of the species in Berrien County since 1966, all of them adult males.

The first record of the species in Michigan was an adult male seen on April 30, 1966 in Benton Harbor.

The second record for the county was found on May 19, 2007 near New Troy, and the third was seen alive at a feeder near Berrien Center from November 12-13, 2010, and picked up dead two days late. It is now a study skin at University of Michigan's Museum of Zoology.

The painted punting has occurred about 35 times in the state; roughly half of the records have occurred in the Lower Peninsula. There are no other records of the painted bunting in the southwestern Lower Peninsula outside Berrien County.

Another good find was a male western tanager that turned up on the evening of May 8 at the feeders of Tom and Gretchen Lenz of St. Joseph.

The western tanager male is quite impressive with its red face, yellow body and black wings with white wingstripes. In winter, the plumage turns a yellow-green.

Photo provided / Gretchen Lenz

A colorful male western tanager turned up May 8 at the feeders of Tom and Gretchen Lenz of St. Joseph.

Western tanagers nest in western North America from the Alaskan panhandle, south to southern California and east through Saskatchewan, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. Western tanagers winter in Mexico and Central America.

Michigan has nearly 50 records of the western tanager from 1989 to the present. The Lenz record is the third for Berrien County, the previous two were a winter male from December 2002 to January 2003 at a feeder in Berrien Township, and a male on May 26, 2003 in Lincoln Township.

Other Southwest Michigan records of Western Tanager include one on July 24, 2004 in Van Buren County and single birds in 2002 and 2019, from Kalamazoo County.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Man charged with harvesting wolves, killing bald eagles

From THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

A 56-year-old Pickford man was arraigned Wednesday morning in Chippewa County's 91st District Court on 125 wildlife misdemeanor charges, following a months-long investigation by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division.

Kurt Johnston Duncan faces charges that include illegally harvesting 18 wolves over the past 18 months and killing and disposing of three bald eagles.

Wolves are protected in Michigan and are on the federal endangered species list. Bald eagles are protected under state law, as well as the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Duncan, who today pleaded not guilty to all charges, faces:

- Up to 90 days in jail and $1,000 fine for each wolf.
- Up to 90 days in jail and $1,000 fine for each eagle.
- Restitution of $1,500 per eagle and $500 per wolf.
- Up to 90 days in jail and $500 fine each for the other wildlife crimes.

Duncan was served four search warrants in March. Other species involved in the charges include deer, turkey, bear and bobcat.

DNR law enforcement detectives said that Duncan was using the animals for a variety of reasons, including crafts, selling, or disposing of them, and stated that he was catching the animals because he could and "likes to do it."

Conservation officers collected evidence to support the charges and identified additional suspects who are expected to be charged in the near future.

"We had a team of conservation officers that worked well together throughout this investigation," said DNR Law Enforcement Division Chief Gary Hagler in a news release. "Investigations like this require a long-term commitment from everyone involved."

The Chippewa County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is seeking $30,000 in restitution to the state for the illegally taken animals. Duncan's cash bond is set at $500. Other conditions of Duncan's bond include having no contact with co-defendants, no possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon, and no engaging in hunting or fishing.

Anyone witnessing a natural resources crime or having information about such a crime is encouraged to call or text the DNR's Report All Poaching hotline at 800-292-7800.

DNR offers temporary hunter education safety certificates

From THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Eligible online hunter education students will be able to hunt this spring despite the postponement of field day classes, which normally are required. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is providing temporary hunter education safety certificates to select online students who have not been able to attend a field day due to cancellations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Field days are the required final step in earning a Michigan DNR hunter education safety certificate for online students. Safety certificates are mandatory to purchase a Michigan hunting license.

To receive a temporary hunter education safety certificate, online students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Completed the online hunter education safety training since March 15, 2019, but not yet completed the field day.
- Started the online program on or after Jan. 1, 2020, and still in process of completing the course.
- Begin and complete the online program between now and the end of the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order.

Eligible students will receive an email from Kalkomey Enterprises, LLC and be able to print a temporary certificate from the student portal, allowing them to purchase a license through Dec. 31, 2020. Anyone who receives a temporary safety certificate will be required to take a field day once the classes resume.

"Safety is our number one priority," said Chief Gary Hagler, DNR Law Enforcement Division. "We want to do what we can to ensure future hunters have the opportunity to enjoy spring hunting and Michigan's natural resources."

The most recent license data from the DNR shows that spring turkey hunting license sales are the highest they have been since 2015, indicating a strong desire by customers to pursue these outdoor activities this year.

All first-time hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1960, are required to take and pass a hunter safety course. The DNR offers hunter safety education safety certificates through three different formats:

- Traditional classroom setting.
- Online course followed by a one-time field day.
- Take-home study course followed by a one-time field day.

Regardless of the learning option a student chooses, all students must demonstrate successful understanding of the skills they learned to a certified hunter education safety instructor.

The DNR offers several recreational safety certificates online, including boater education and ORV and snowmobile safety. Get more information about these certifications and other safety resources at Michigan.gov/RecreationalSafety.

Weekend Comics

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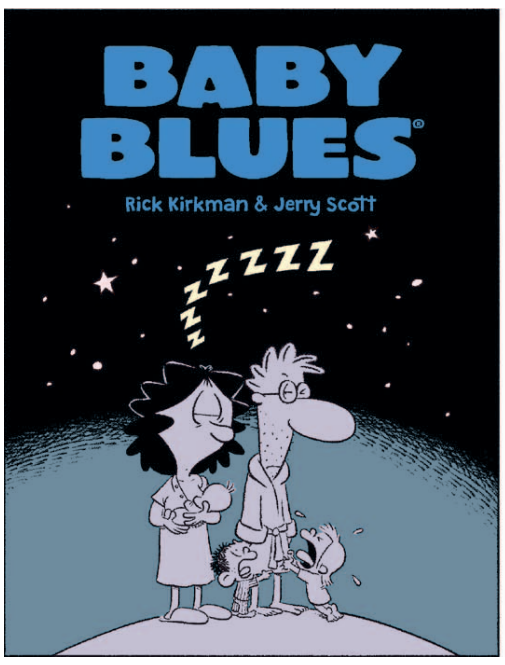
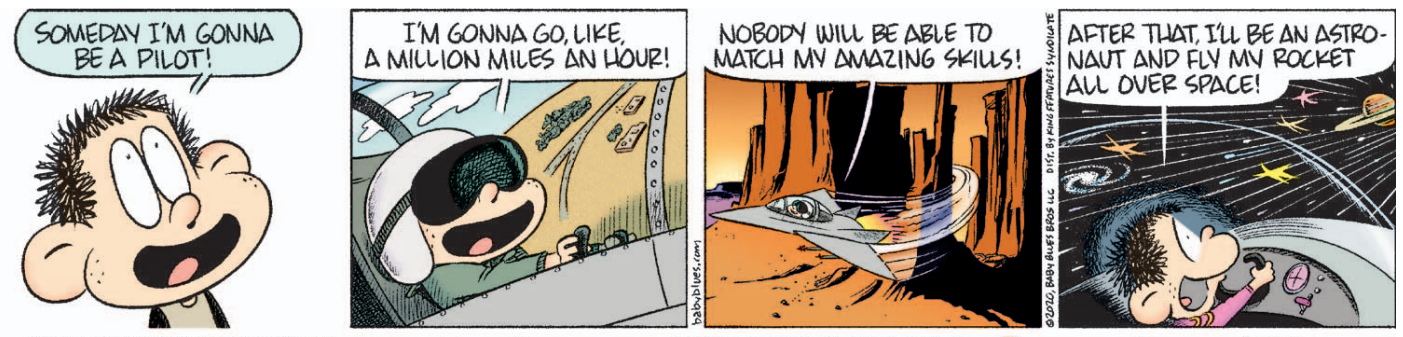
BABY BLUES

Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

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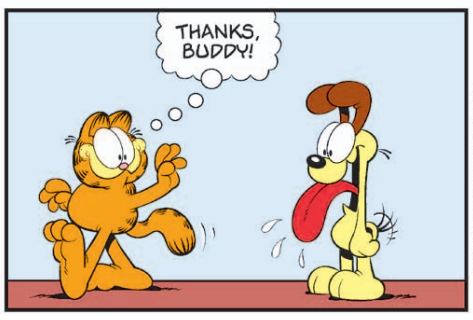

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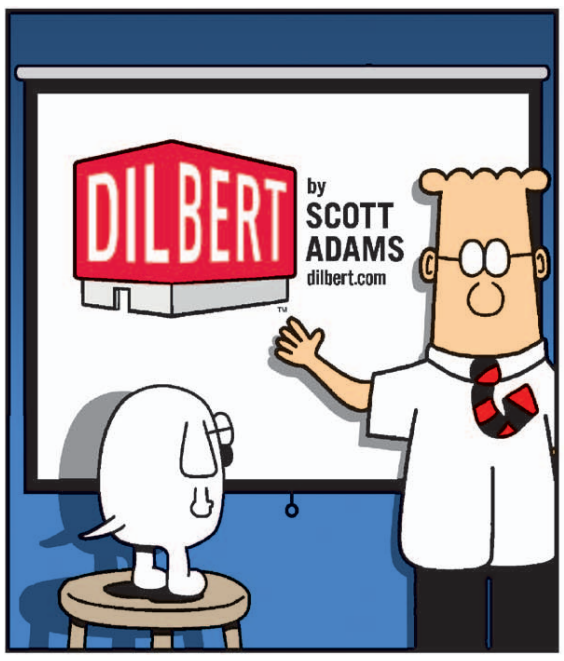

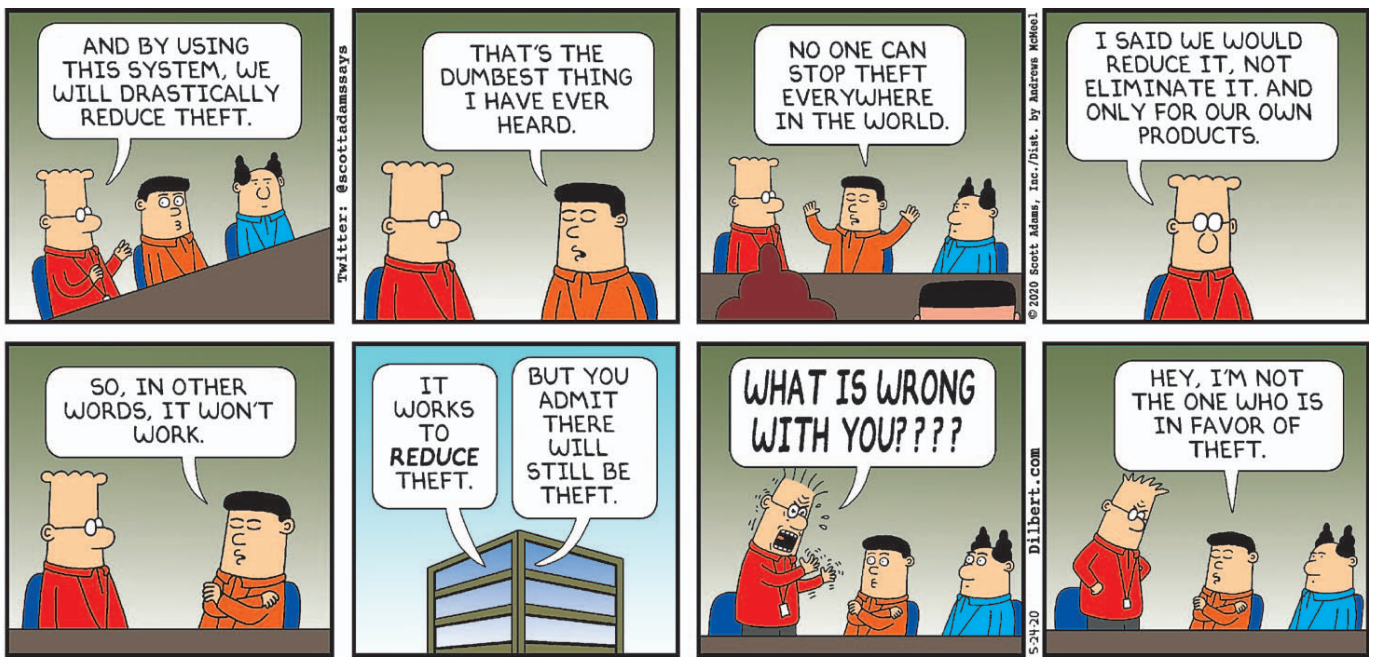
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Dennis the Menace

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TWO NIGHTS IN A ROW! THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
COME BACK TO BED, GEORGE! IT'S TEN O' CLOCK!
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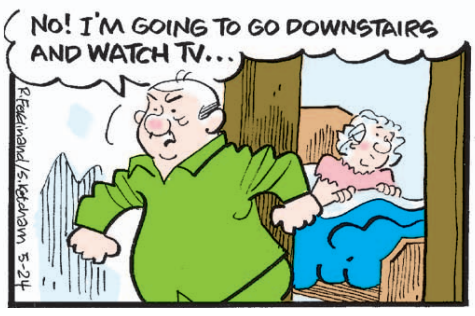

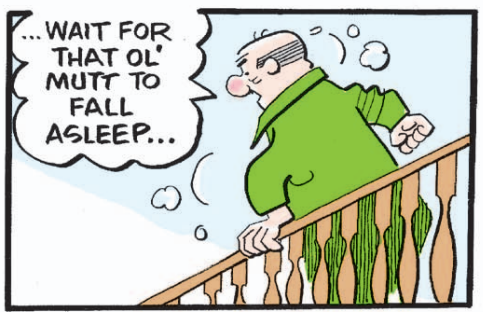

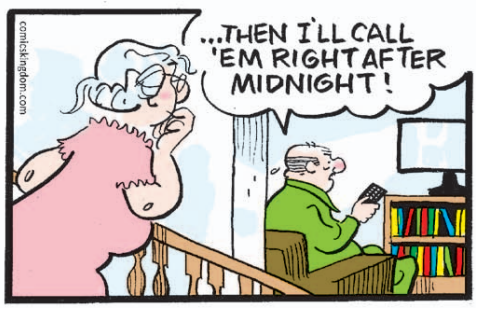

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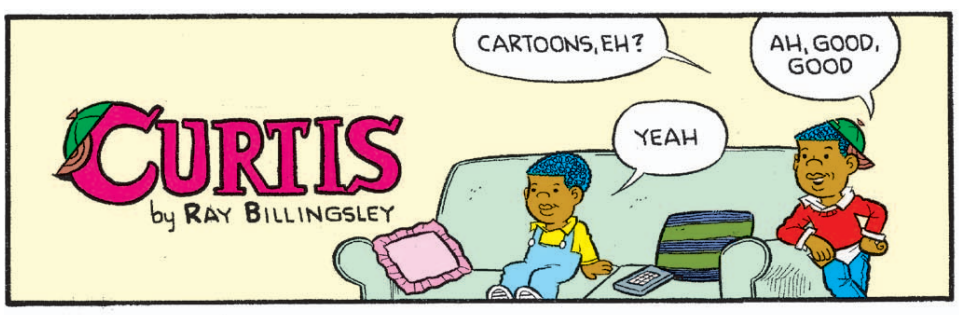

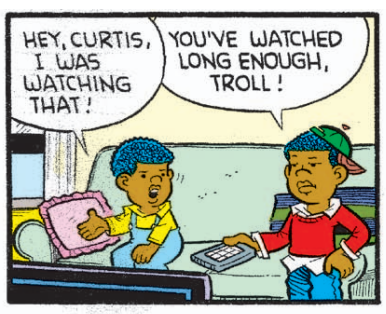

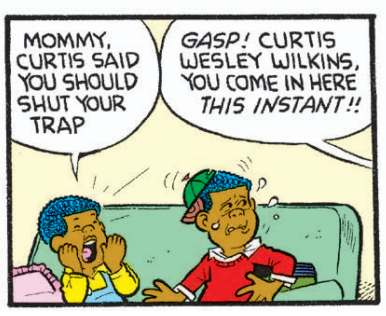

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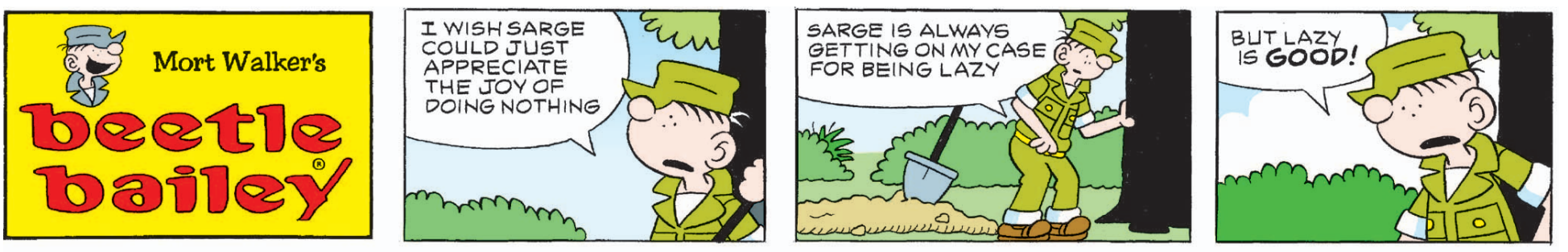
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GREG+ MORT WALKER
BEETLE! ARE YOU GOOFING OFF AGAIN?!
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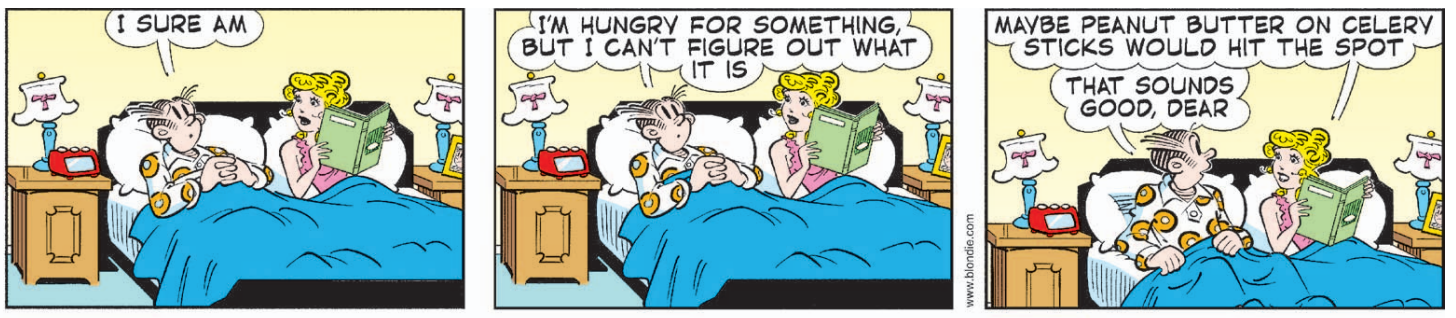
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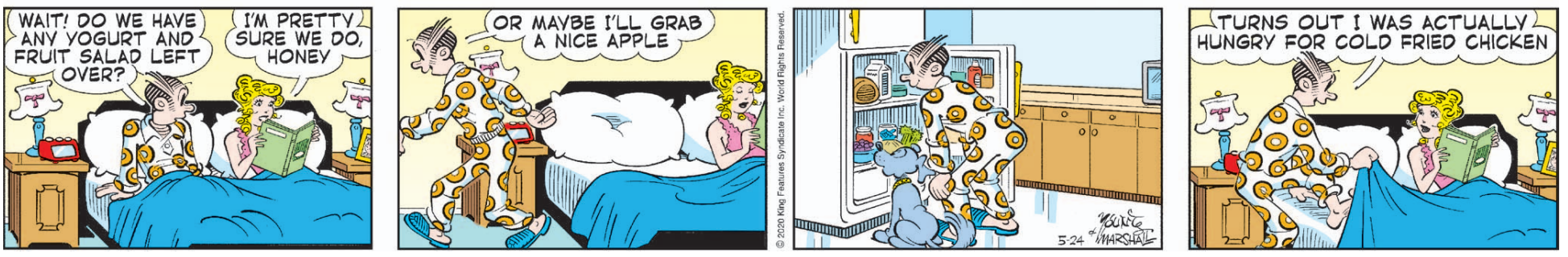
WAIT! DO WE HAVE ANY YOGURT AND FRUIT SALAD LEFT OVER?
I'M PRETTY SURE WE DO, HONEY
OR MAYBE I'LL GRAB A NICE APPLE
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TURNS OUT I WAS ACTUALLY HUNGRY FOR COLD FRIED CHICKEN

MUTTS

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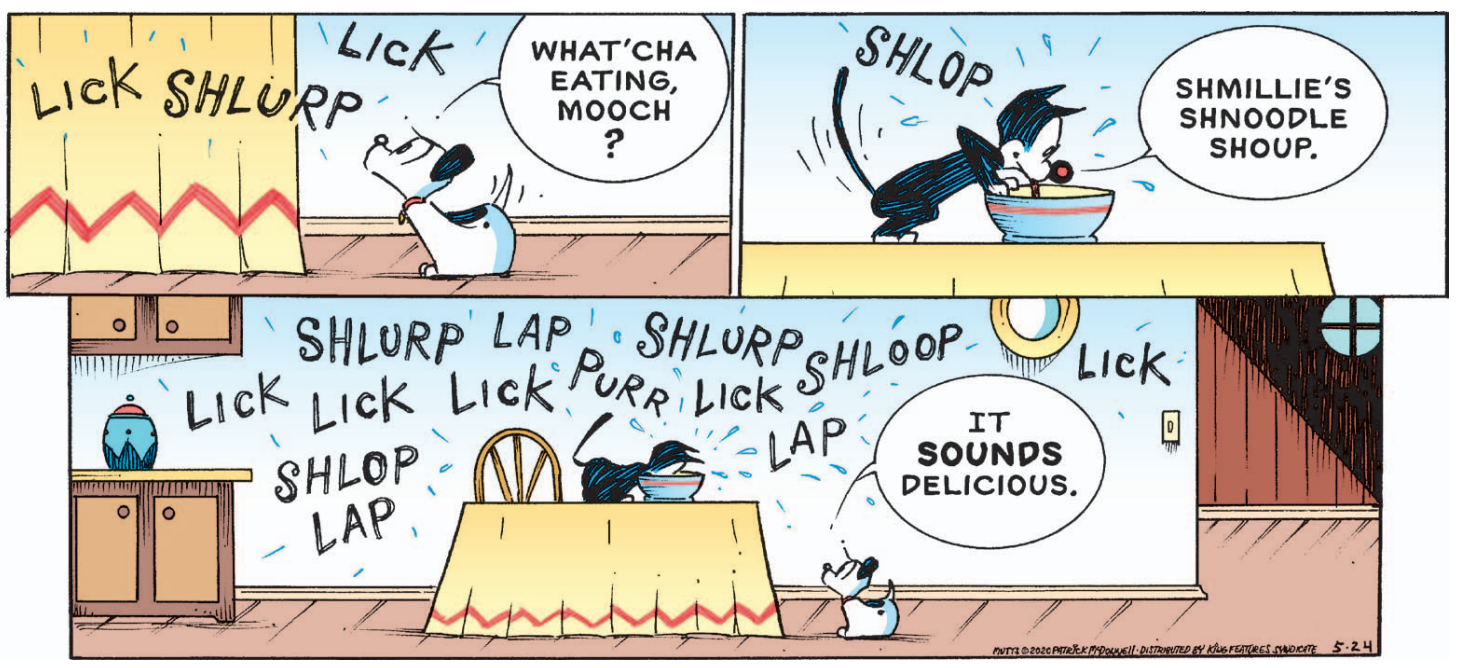

Hi and Lois

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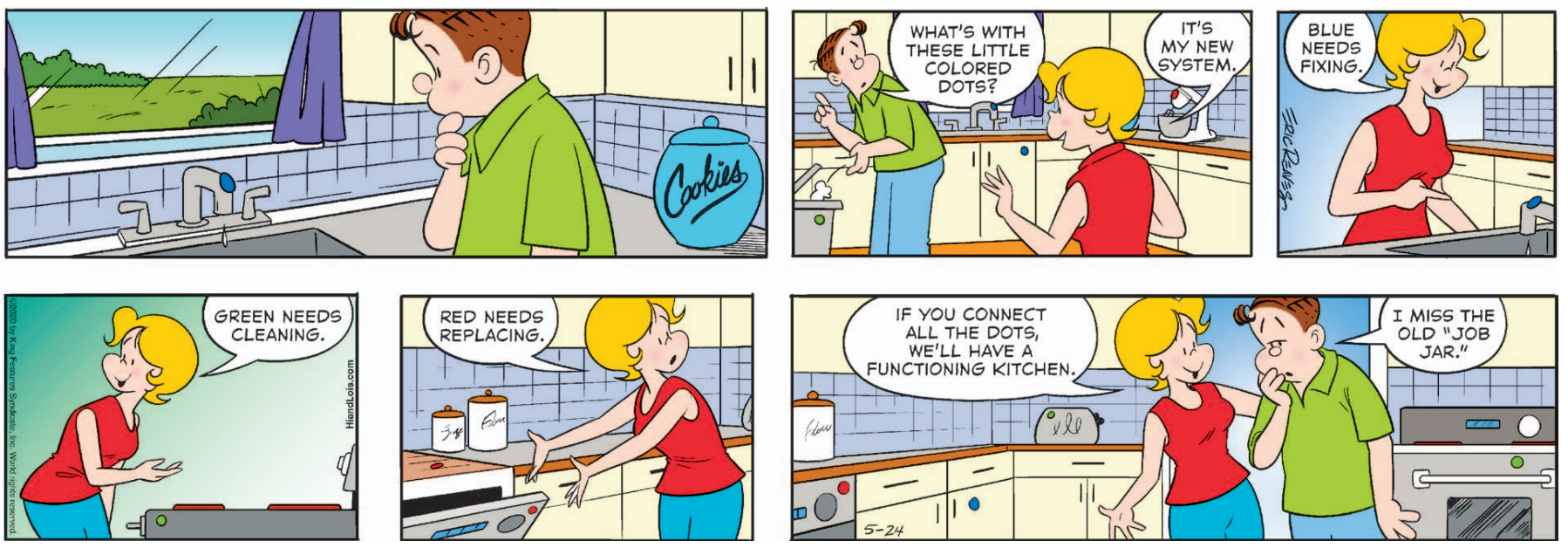
Cookies
WHAT'S WITH THESE LITTLE COLORED DOTS?
IT'S MY NEW SYSTEM.
BLUE NEEDS FIXING.
ERIC REYES
GREEN NEEDS CLEANING.
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RED NEEDS REPLACING.
IF YOU CONNECT ALL THE DOTS, WE'LL HAVE A FUNCTIONING KITCHEN.
I MISS THE OLD "JOB JAR."
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The FAMILY CIRCUS®

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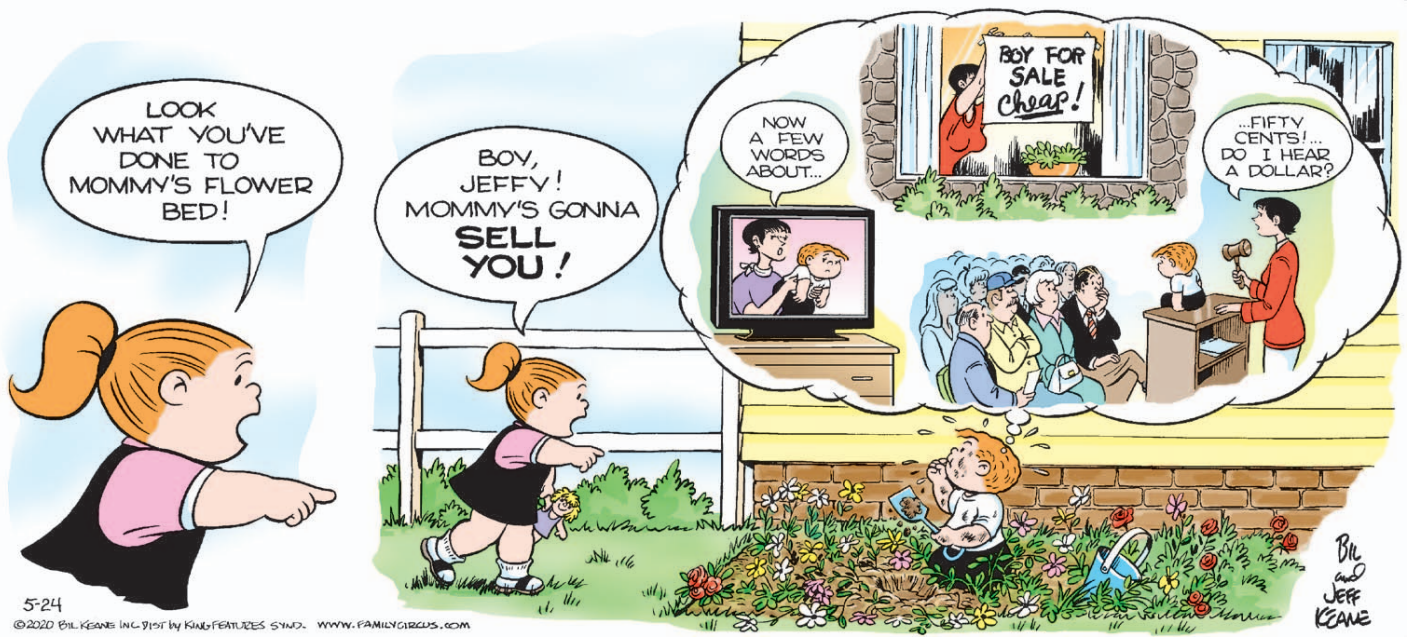
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO MOMMY'S FLOWER BED!
BOY, JEFFY! MOMMY'S GONNA SELL YOU!
NOW A FEW WORDS ABOUT...
BOY FOR SALE Cheap!
...FIFTY CENTS!... DO I HEAR A DOLLAR?
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FUNKY WINKERBEAN

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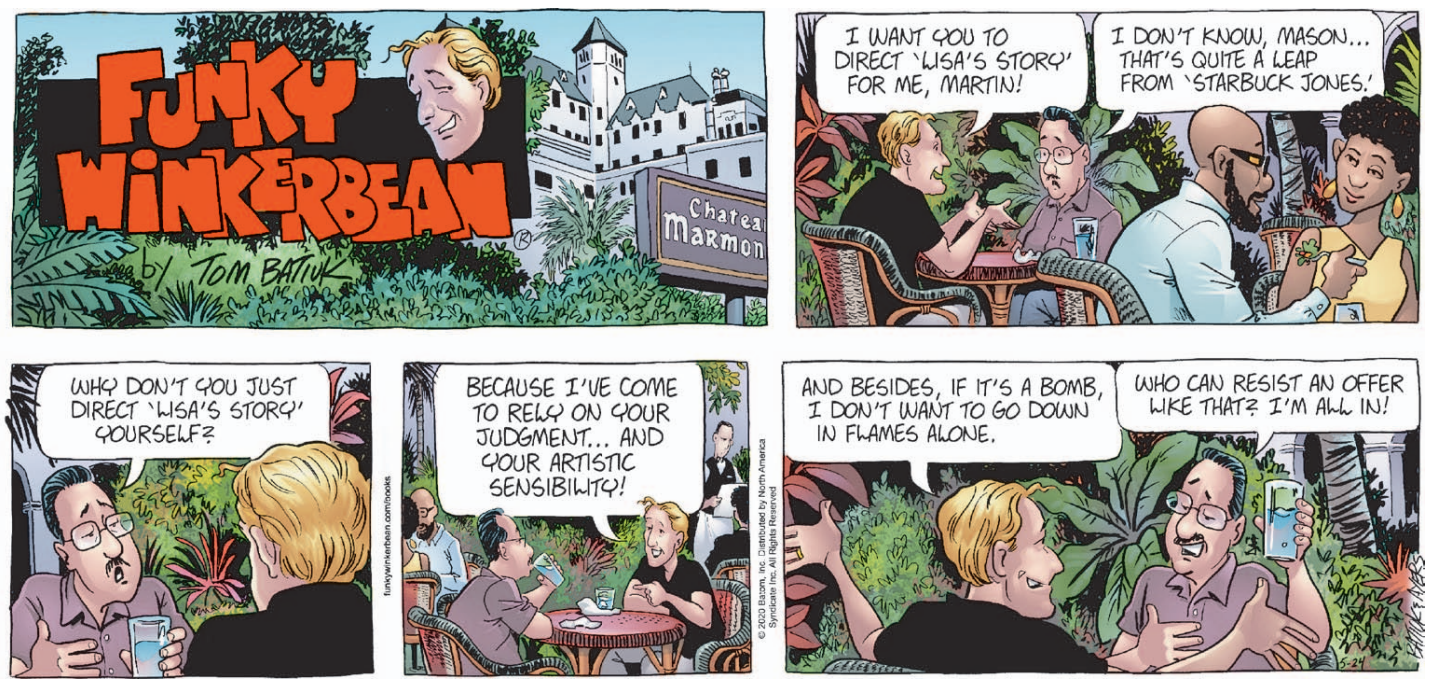
Chateau Marmont
I WANT YOU TO DIRECT 'LISA'S STORY' FOR ME, MARTIN!
I DON'T KNOW, MASON... THAT'S QUITE A LEAP FROM 'STARBUCK JONES.'
WHY DON'T YOU JUST DIRECT 'LISA'S STORY' YOURSELF?
BECAUSE I'VE COME TO RELY ON YOUR JUDGMENT... AND YOUR ARTISTIC SENSIBILITY!
AND BESIDES, IF IT'S A BOMB, I DON'T WANT TO GO DOWN IN FLAMES ALONE.
WHO CAN RESIST AN OFFER LIKE THAT? I'M ALL IN!
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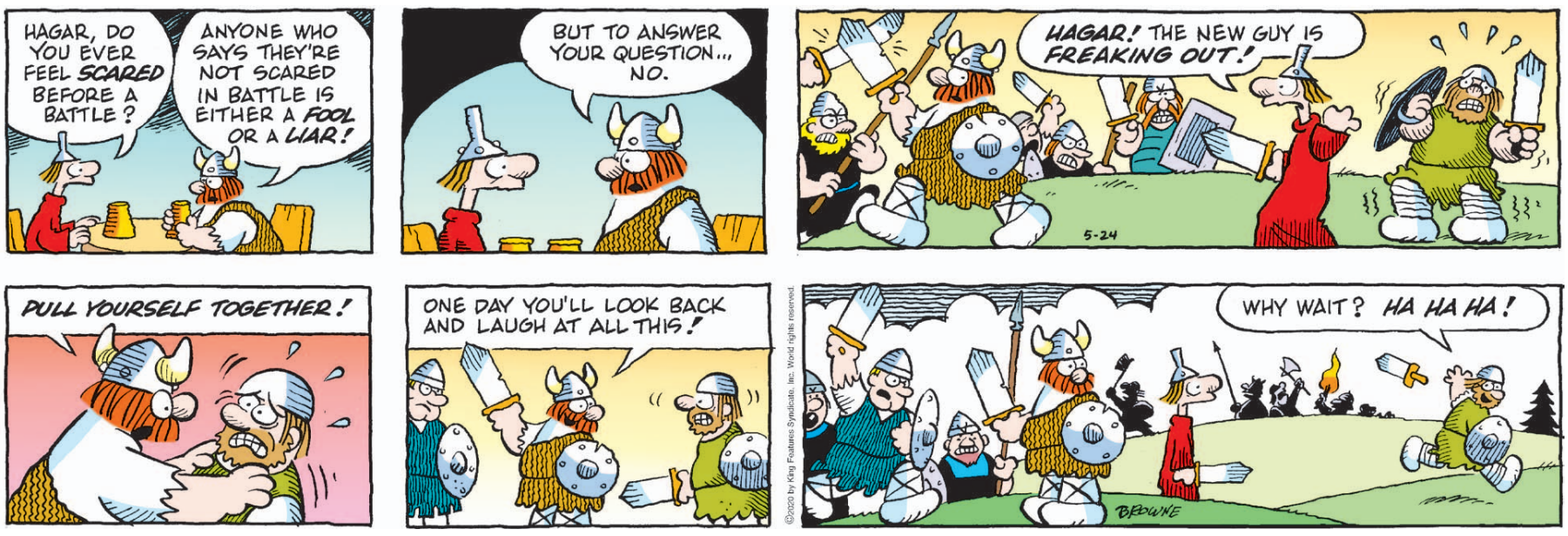
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


HAGAR, DO YOU EVER FEEL SCARED BEFORE A BATTLE?
ANYONE WHO SAYS THEY'RE NOT SCARED IN BATTLE IS EITHER A FOOL OR A LIAR!
BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION... NO.
HAGAR! THE NEW GUY IS FREAKING OUT!
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PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
ONE DAY YOU'LL LOOK BACK AND LAUGH AT ALL THIS!
WHY WAIT? HA HA HA!
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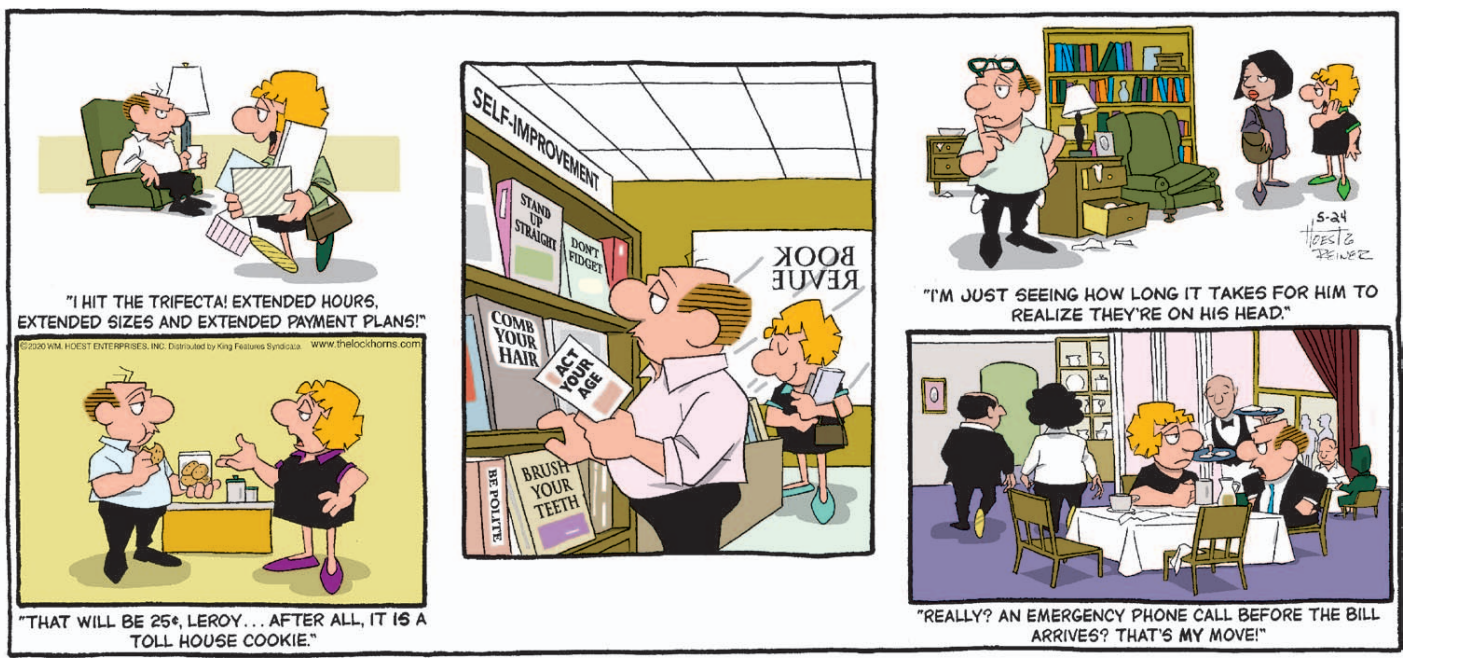
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"I HIT THE TRIFECTA! EXTENDED HOURS, EXTENDED SIZES AND EXTENDED PAYMENT PLANS!"
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"THAT WILL BE 25¢, LEROY... AFTER ALL, IT IS A TOLL HOUSE COOKIE."
SELF-IMPROVEMENT
STAND UP STRAIGHT
DON'T FIDGET
COMB YOUR HAIR
ACT YOUR AGE
BRUSH YOUR TEETH
BE POLITE
REVUE BOOK
"I'M JUST SEEING HOW LONG IT TAKES FOR HIM TO REALIZE THEY'RE ON HIS HEAD."
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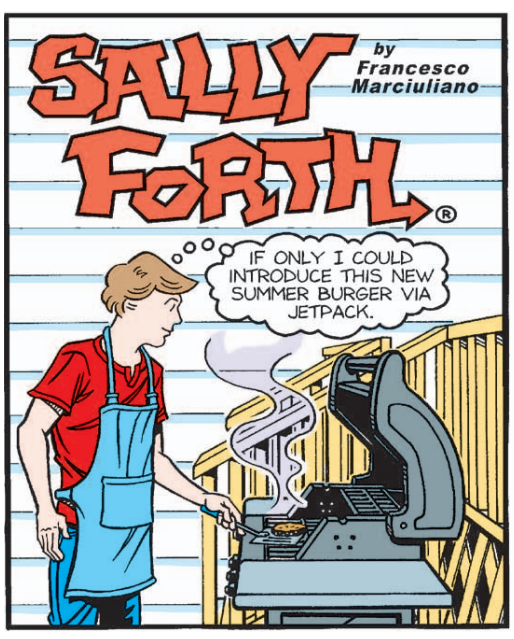
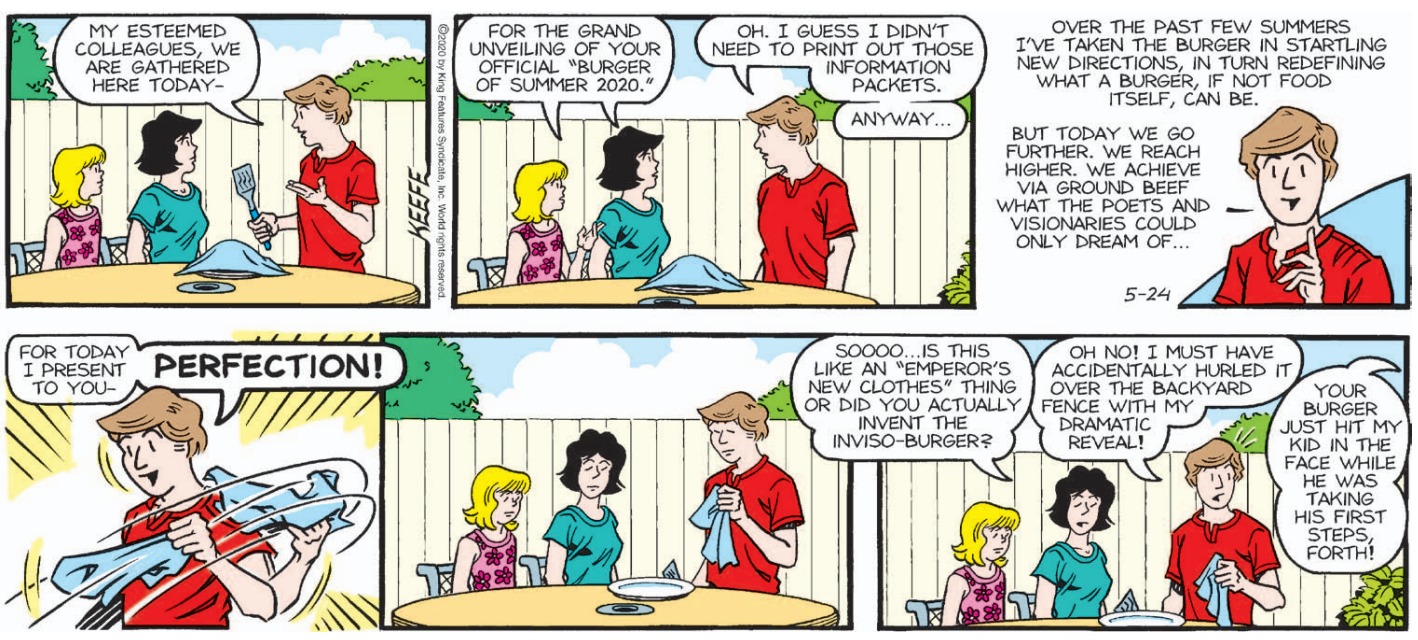
HOEST REINER
"REALLY? AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL BEFORE THE BILL ARRIVES? THAT'S MY MOVE!"

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano




MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES, WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY-
KEEFE
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FOR THE GRAND UNVEILING OF YOUR OFFICIAL "BURGER OF SUMMER 2020."
OH. I GUESS I DIDN'T NEED TO PRINT OUT THOSE INFORMATION PACKETS.
ANYWAY...
OVER THE PAST FEW SUMMERS I'VE TAKEN THE BURGER IN STARTLING NEW DIRECTIONS, IN TURN REDEFINING WHAT A BURGER, IF NOT FOOD ITSELF, CAN BE.
BUT TODAY WE GO FURTHER. WE REACH HIGHER. WE ACHIEVE VIA GROUND BEEF WHAT THE POETS AND VISIONARIES COULD ONLY DREAM OF...
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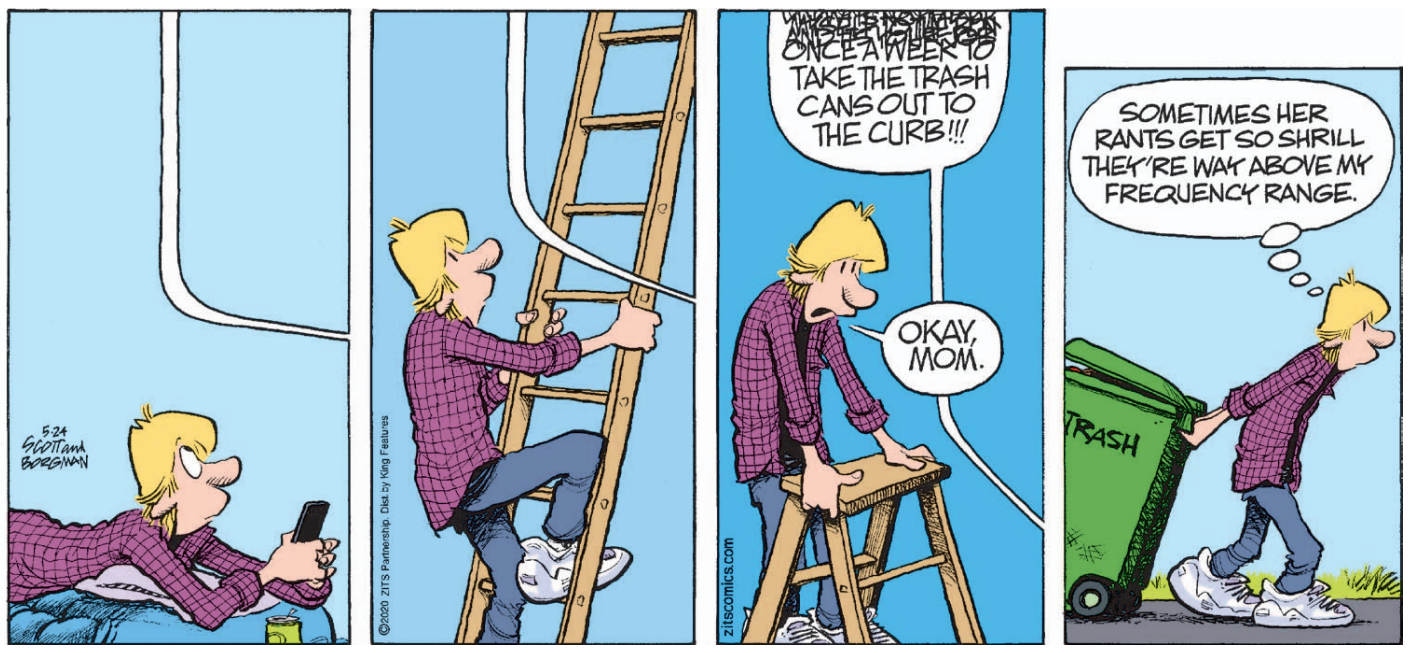
FOR TODAY I PRESENT
PERFECTION!
SOOOO...IS THIS LIKE AN "EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES" THING OR DID YOU ACTUALLY INVENT THE INVISO-BURGER?
OH NO! I MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY HURLED IT OVER THE BACKYARD FENCE WITH MY DRAMATIC REVEAL!
YOUR BURGER JUST HIT MY KID IN THE FACE WHILE HE WAS TAKING HIS FIRST STEPS, FORTH!

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN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SCOTT and BORGMAN
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ONCE A WEEK TO TAKE THE TRASH CANS OUT TO THE CURB!!!
OKAY, MOM.
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SOMETIMES HER RANTS GET SO SHRILL THEY'RE WAY ABOVE MY FREQUENCY RANGE.
TRASH

FORT KNOX

BY PAUL JON

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WIZARD OF ID

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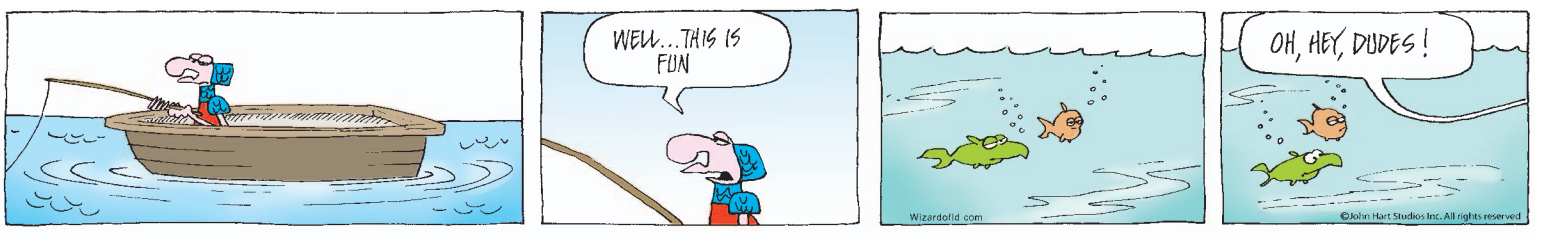

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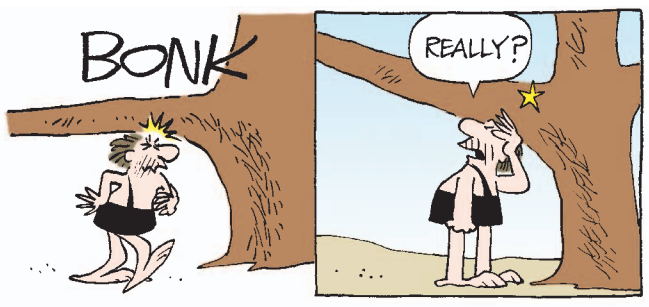

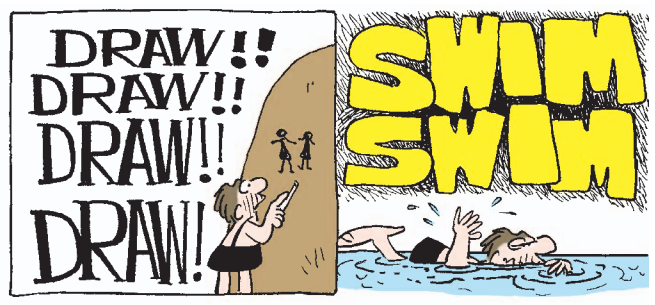

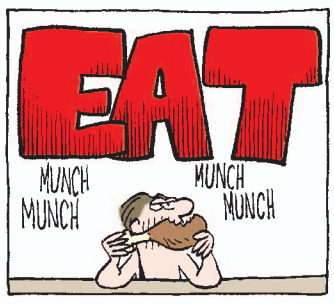

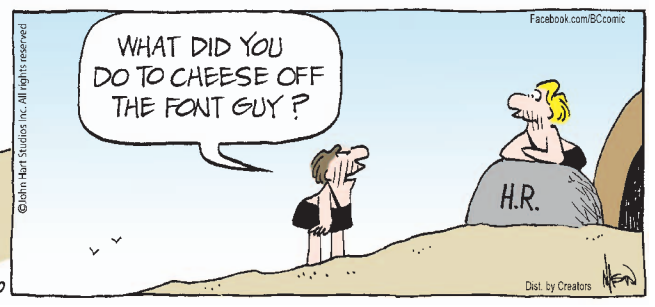
WHAT DID YOU DO TO CHEESE OFF THE FONT GUY?
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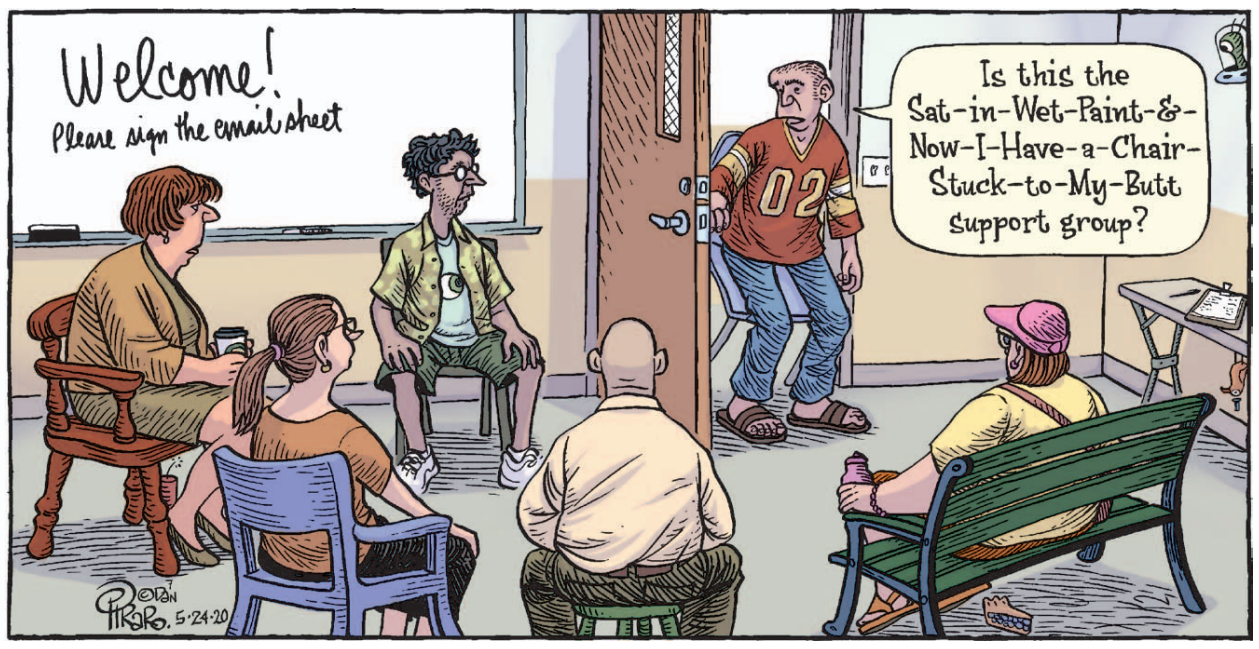
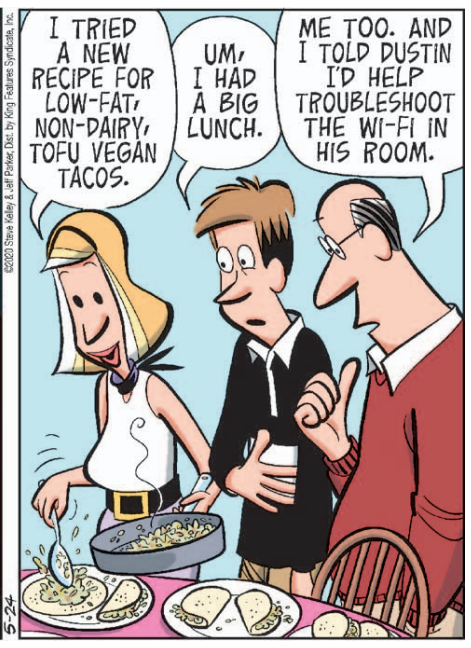


DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER


I TRIED A NEW RECIPE FOR LOW-FAT, NON-DAIRY, TOFU VEGAN TACOS.
UM, I HAD A BIG LUNCH.
ME TOO. AND I TOLD DUSTIN I'D HELP TROUBLESHOOT THE WI-FI IN HIS ROOM.
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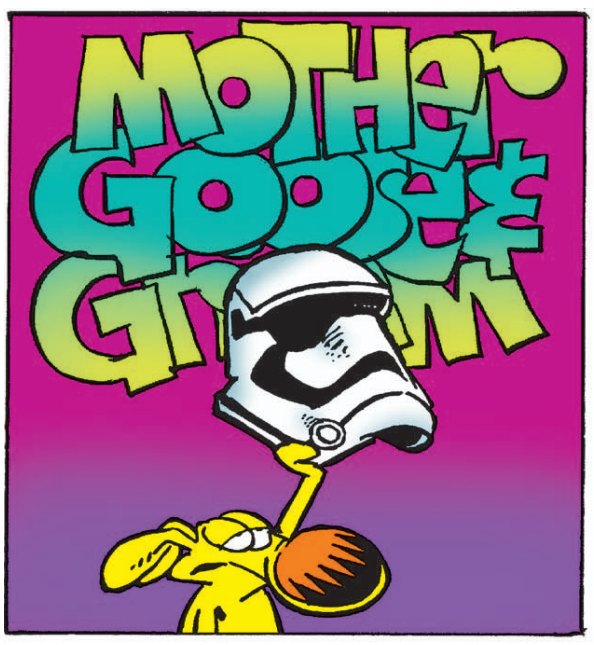
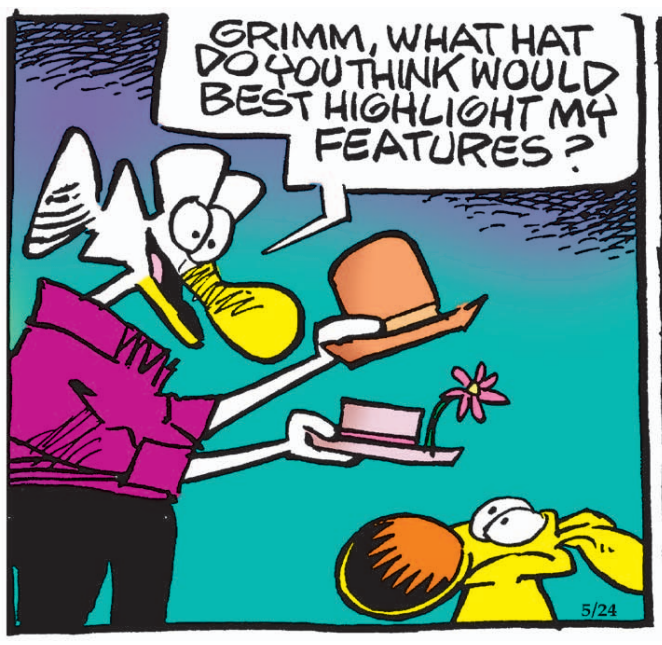
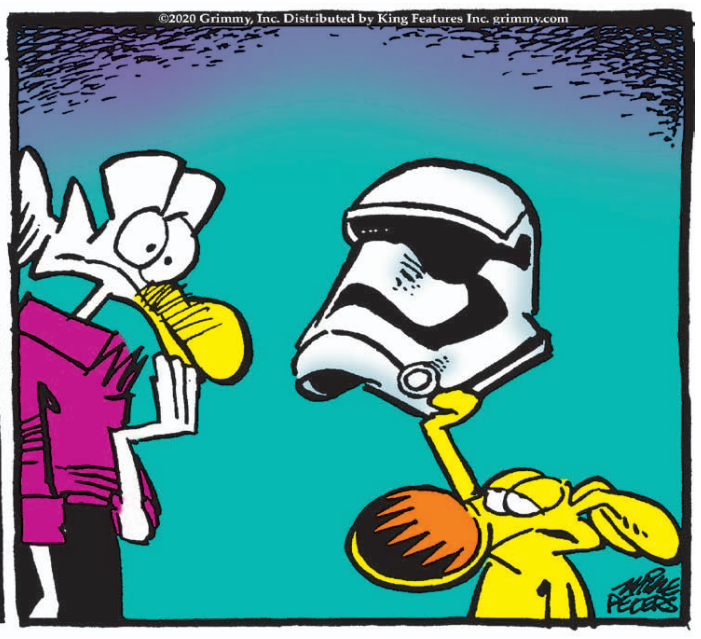
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM







PICKLES

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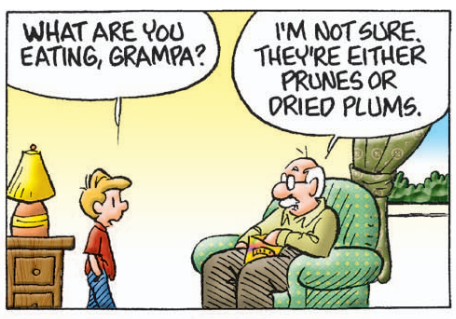
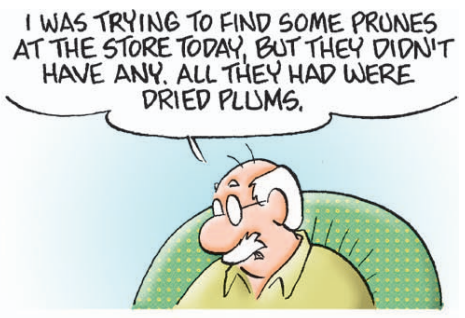
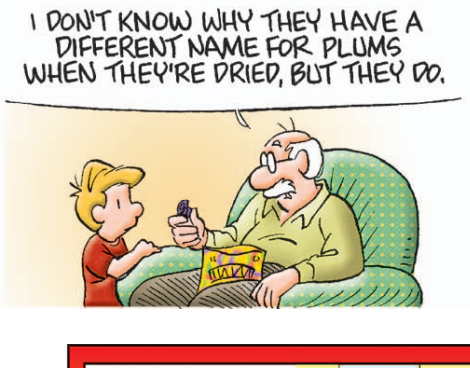
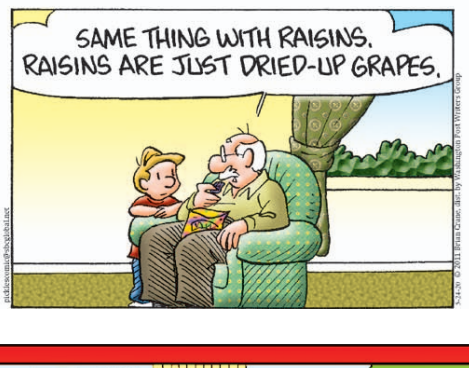
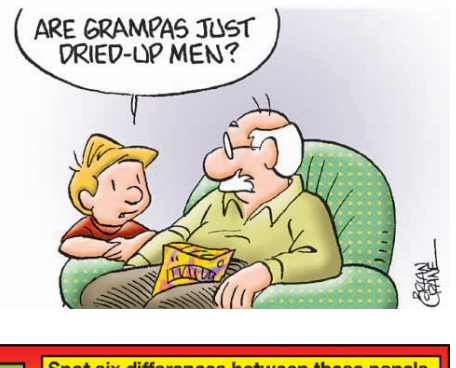


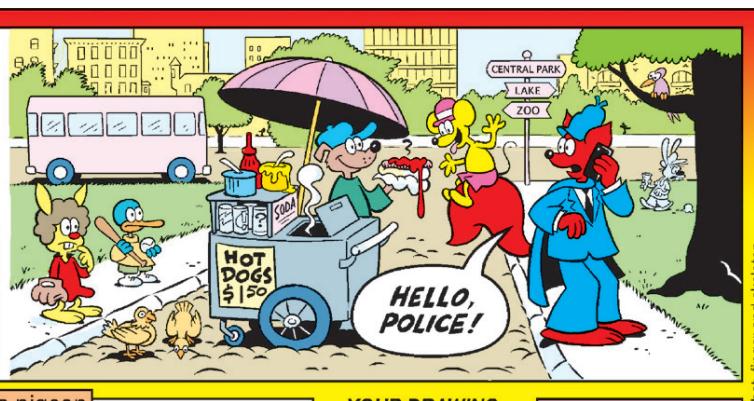








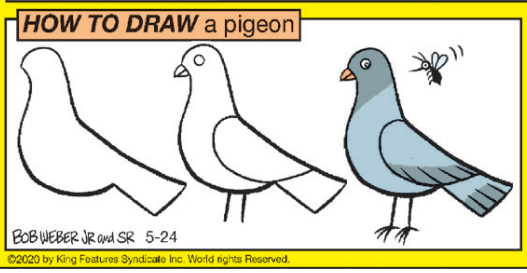
Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS



A hijacker hopped onto this parked public bus in New York City. If the criminal drives away in the direction the bus is facing, which way will Slylock Fox say the bus is traveling?

Solution -- Notice the bus door is not seen. If the door is on the other side, the driver is on the side facing Slylock, which means the bus is facing left. Slylock told police the bus is traveling toward the zoo.

HOW TO DRAW a pigeon



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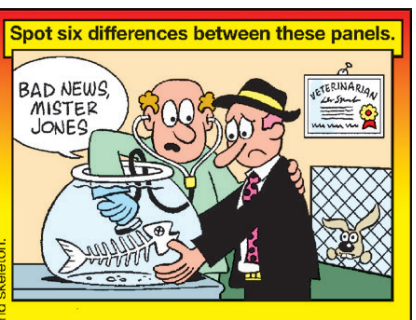
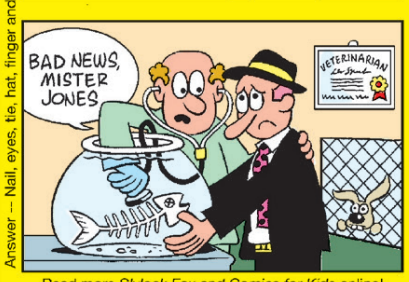
The scrambled words are fish species. How many can you unscramble?

1) CRHEP
2) SOFHDIGL
3) LNAMSO
4) FSIHASIL

Answer -- 1) Perch 2) Goldfish 3) Salmon 4) Sailfish

Spot six differences between these panels.





Answer -- Nail, eyes, tie, hat, finger and skeleton.

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